




# WARRIORS

Redtail's Choice





ALRIGHT, MORNING  
PATROLS EVERYONE!

TIGERCLAW

LIONHEART

GRAB TWO  
WARRIORS AND AN  
APPRENTICE EACH.

TIGERCLAW, TAKE  
SHADOWCLAN.

BE CAREFUL.

LIONHEART,  
CHECK RIVERCLAN.

THEY'VE BEEN  
PUSHING OUR BORDERS  
WORSE AND WORSE  
AS OF LATE.

WHITESTORM,  
COULD YOU PLEASE COME  
HUNTING WITH ME?

OF COURSE!













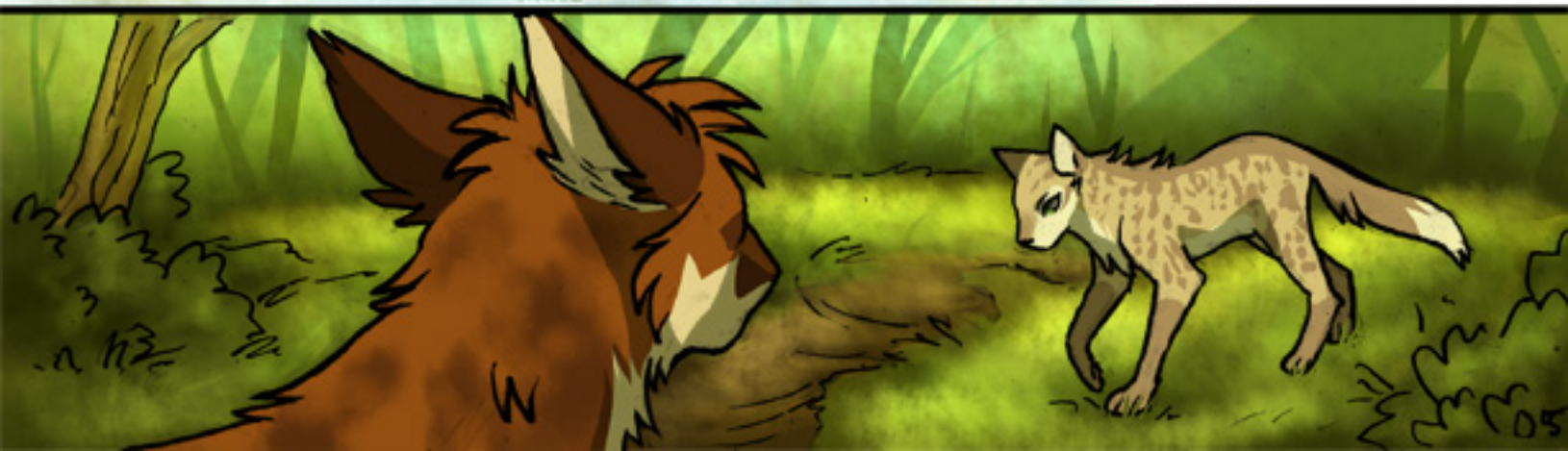















A fox with orange and white fur and a cat with light tan fur are in a lush green forest. The fox is looking at the cat with a serious expression. The cat is standing on its hind legs, looking back at the fox with a determined and happy expression.

I'M LEARNING ALL KINDS OF STUFF! WHITESTORM'S ALREADY SHOWN ME HOW TO HUNT AND FIGHT!

I'LL BE THE BEST WARRIOR EVER!

A close-up of the fox's face. It has a wide-eyed, slightly open-mouthed expression, looking very excited or surprised.

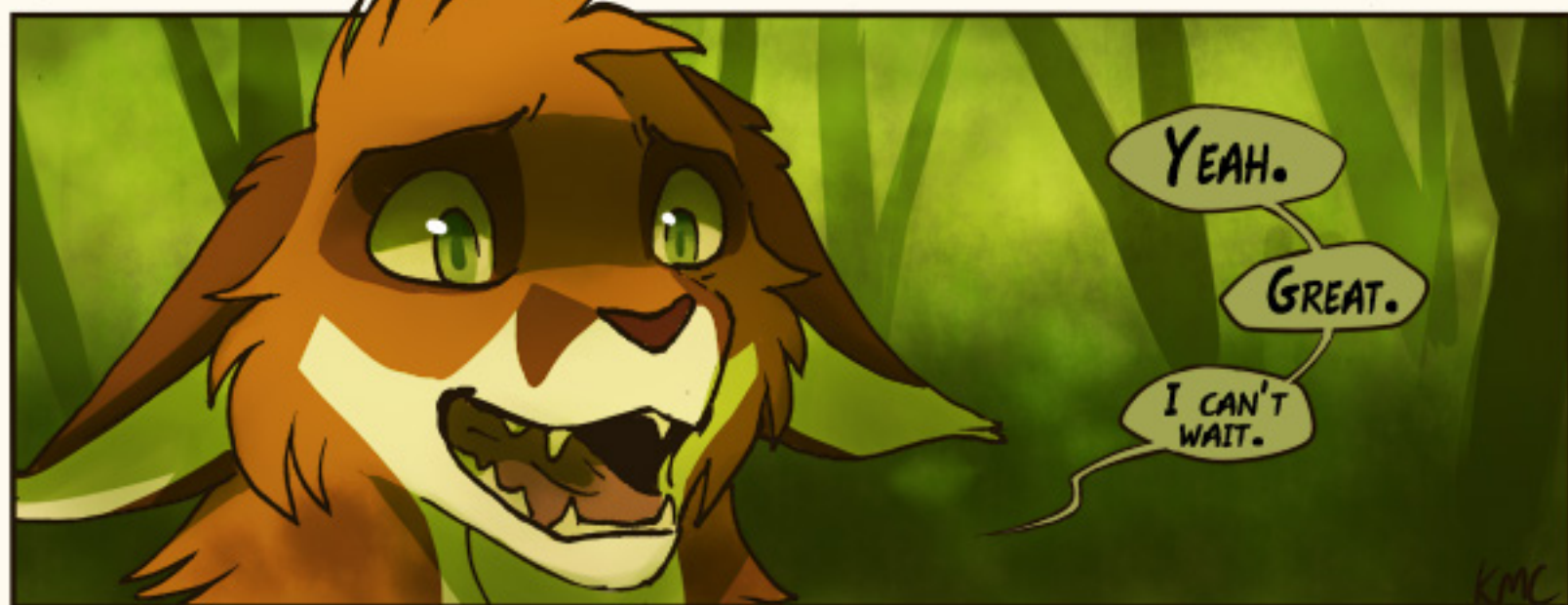
HA, THAT'S GREAT....!

A close-up of the cat's face. It is smiling broadly, showing its teeth, and looking up at the fox.

YEAH!!

SO YOU THINK I'M READY FOR MY ASSESSMENT?

















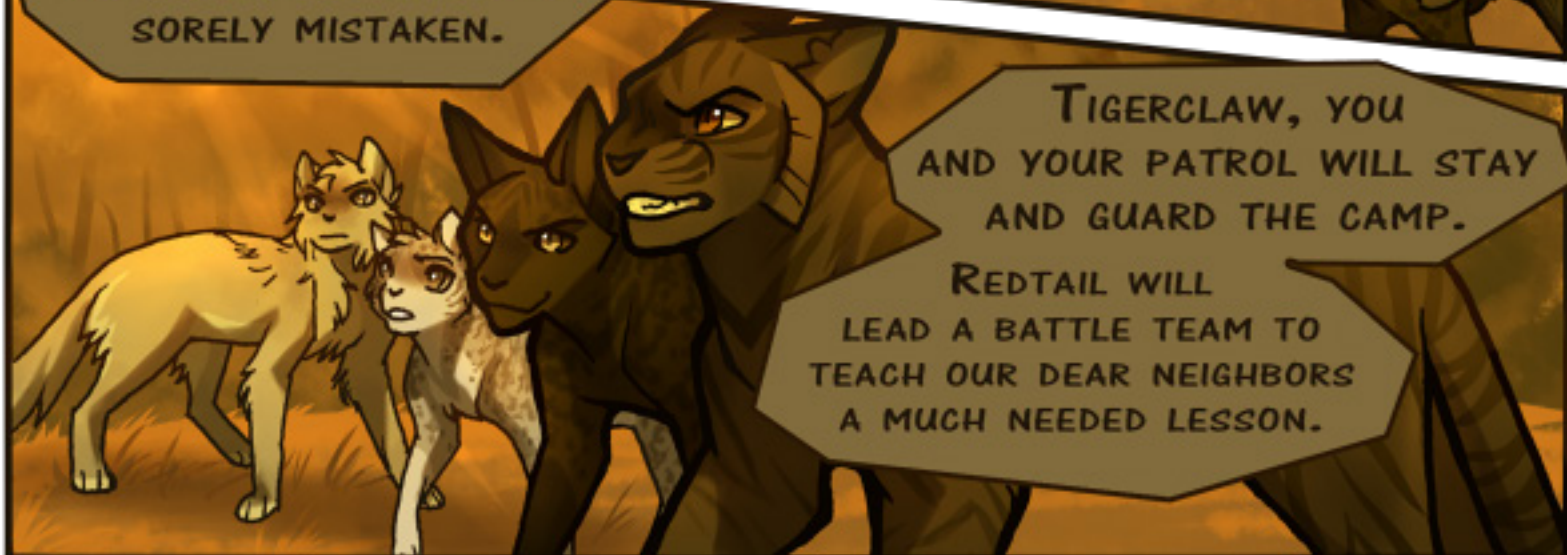




CATS OF THUNDERCLAN,

TIGERCLAW HAS INFORMED  
ME THAT SHADOWCLAN HAS PUT  
MARKERS INSIDE OUR TERRITORY.

IF THEY THINK THEY  
CAN TAKE OUR LAND WITH  
NO COMPLAINT THEY ARE  
SOERLY MISTAKEN.

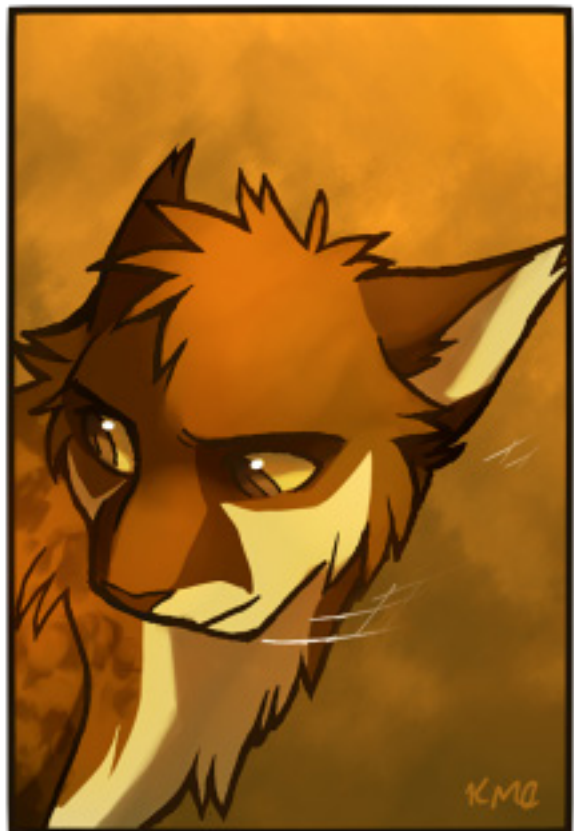
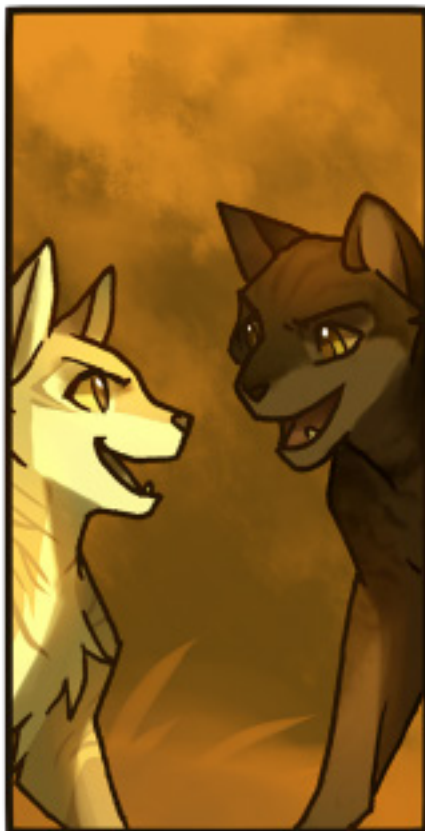


TIGERCLAW, YOU  
AND YOUR PATROL WILL STAY  
AND GUARD THE CAMP.


REDTAIL WILL  
LEAD A BATTLE TEAM TO  
TEACH OUR DEAR NEIGHBORS  
A MUCH NEEDED LESSON.











REDTAIL...


SANDPAW  
WILL BE FINE.

SHE CAN'T BE A  
WARRIOR IF SHE DOESN'T  
FIGHT FOR HER CLAN.

I KNOW,  
I KNOW...

I JUST DON'T--

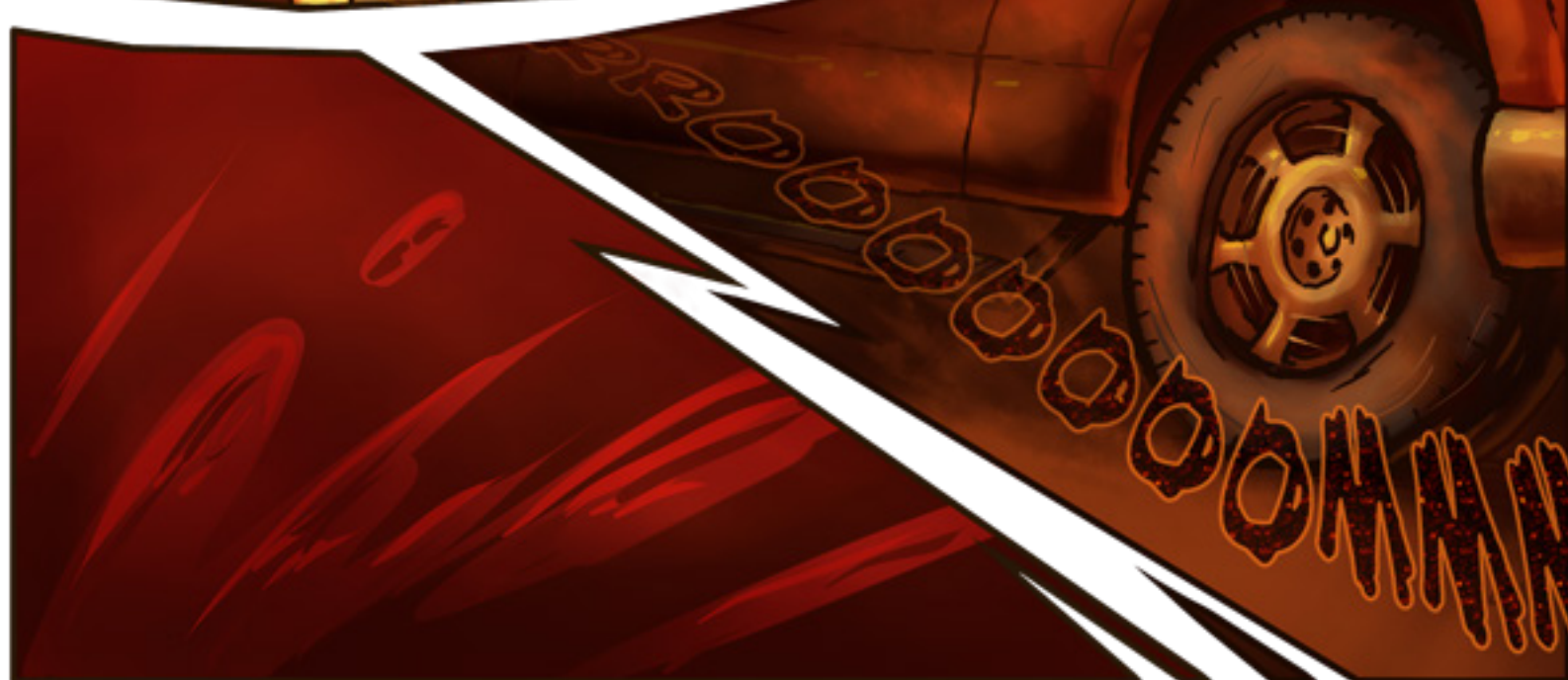
REDTAIL!



WE'RE AT  
THE BORDER.

KMC





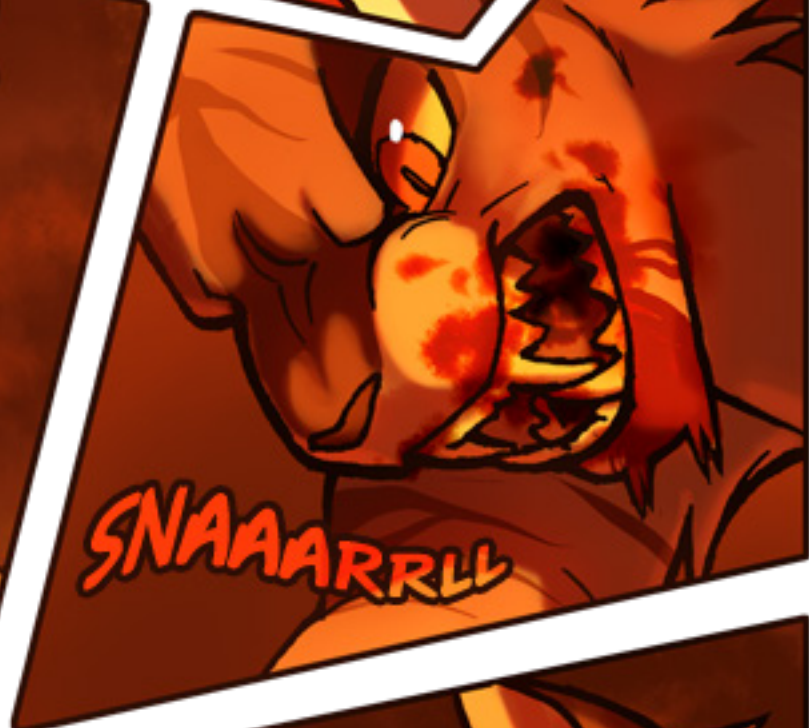




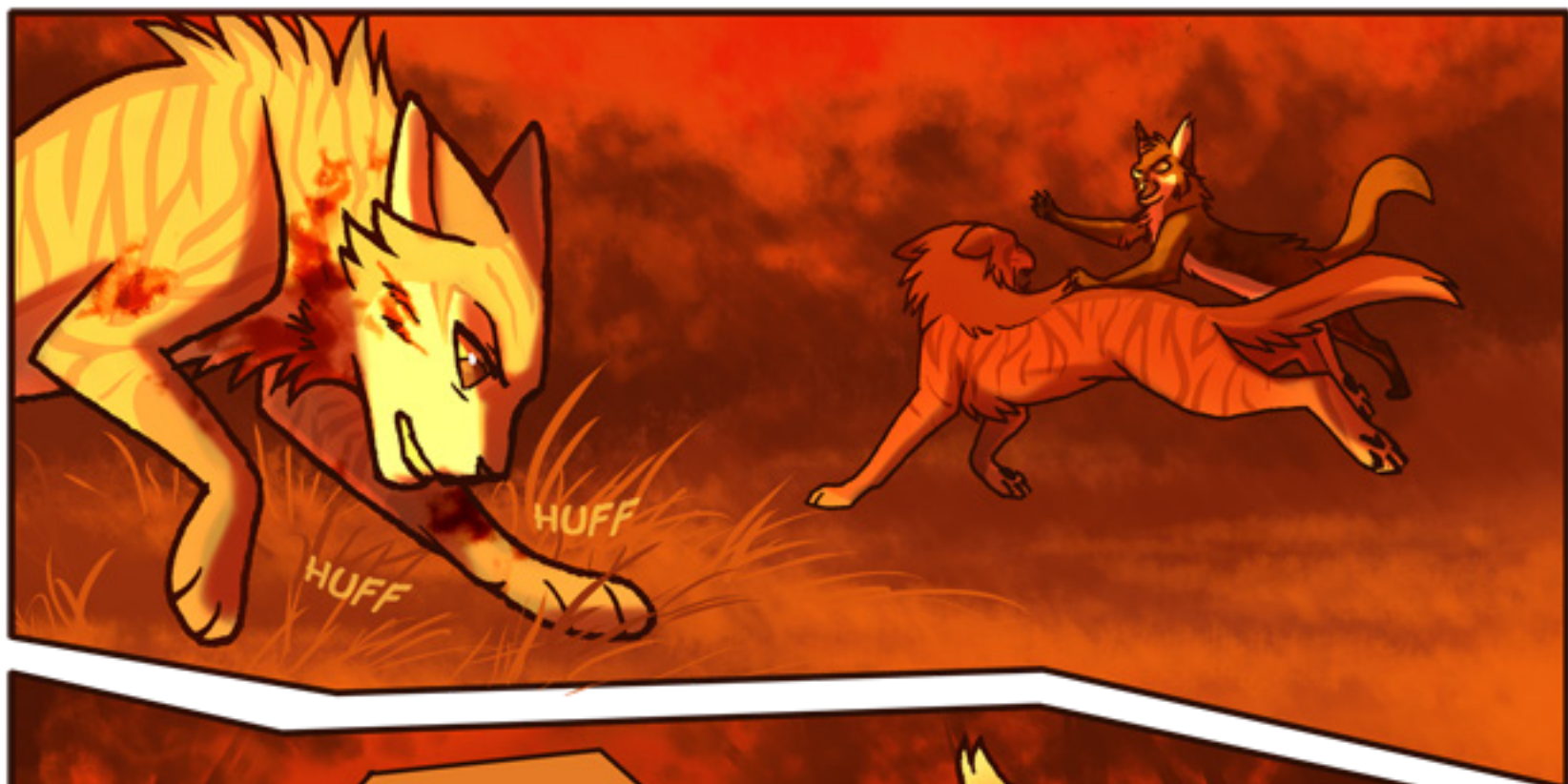












ARE YOU--

I DON'T NEED  
YOUR HELP!

JUST STAY AWAY  
FROM ME!

I WAS ONLY...

KNIC





REDTAIL.



BLACKFOOT.

YOU SHOULD KNOW  
NOT TO PICK A FIGHT  
YOU CANNOT WIN.

YOU'RE AWFUL  
SHORT-SIGHTED.

I WAS JUST SENT TO  
DELIVER A MESSAGE FOR  
OUR DEAR NEIGHBORS.



KME





OUR NEW DEPUTY'S GOT HIS EYE ON YOUR LAND.

MAYBE IF YOU SURRENDER PART OF YOUR TERRITORY, WE WON'T HAVE TO TAKE ALL OF IT BY FORCE.

APPARENTLY, SHADOWCLAN HAVE LOST THEIR RESPECT FOR THE WARRIOR CODE.

TELL YOUR NEW DEPUTY THAT SAME MERCY WILL NOT APPLY TO HIM SHOULD HE PUSH HIS LUCK.

BE GRATEFUL, FOR IT IS THANKS TO THAT CODE THAT WE ARE SPARING YOUR LIFE.

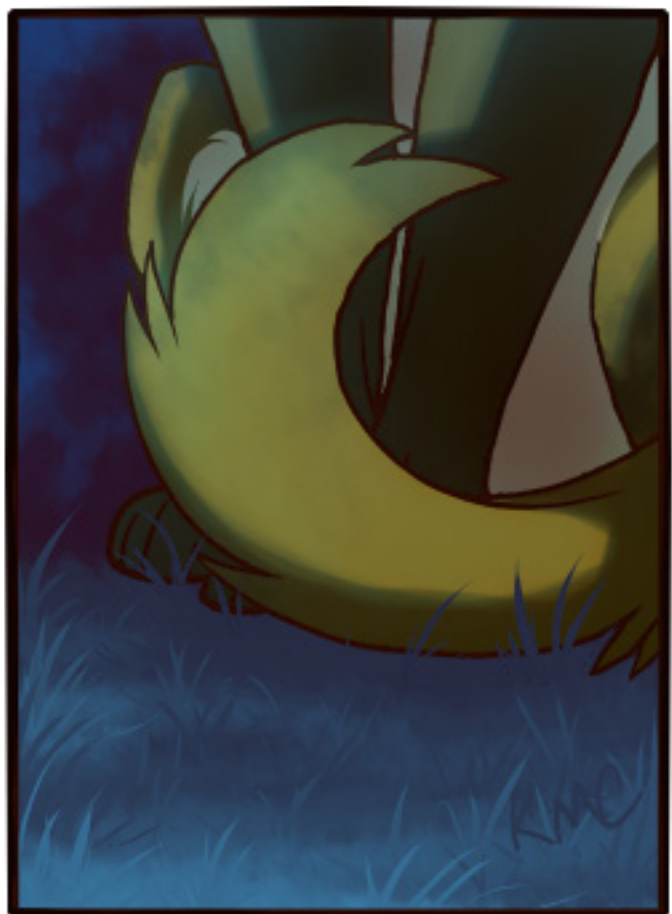
THUNDERCLAN HAVE NOT.























I CAN COME, RIGHT?



I DID GOOD  
IN THE BATTLE,  
DIDN'T I?



SANDPAW, I HAVE  
THE MARIGOLD FOR--

No.




WHAT?!

WHY NOT?

BECAUSE YOU HAVE  
YET TO LEARN RESPECT,  
EVEN FOR THOSE OF  
YOUR OWN CLAN.

HOW CAN I TRUST  
YOU TO BEHAVE AROUND  
OTHER CLANS?





WHAT IS WRONG  
WITH YOU?!


WHY ISN'T ANYTHING  
I DO EVER ENOUGH FOR YOU?  
WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?



IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING  
TO DO WITH WHAT I THINK,  
SANDPAW.

I HAVE TO THINK  
OF WHAT IS BEST FOR  
THE CLAN!

SANDPAW!



ARE YOU  
QUESTIONING MY  
DEPUTY?

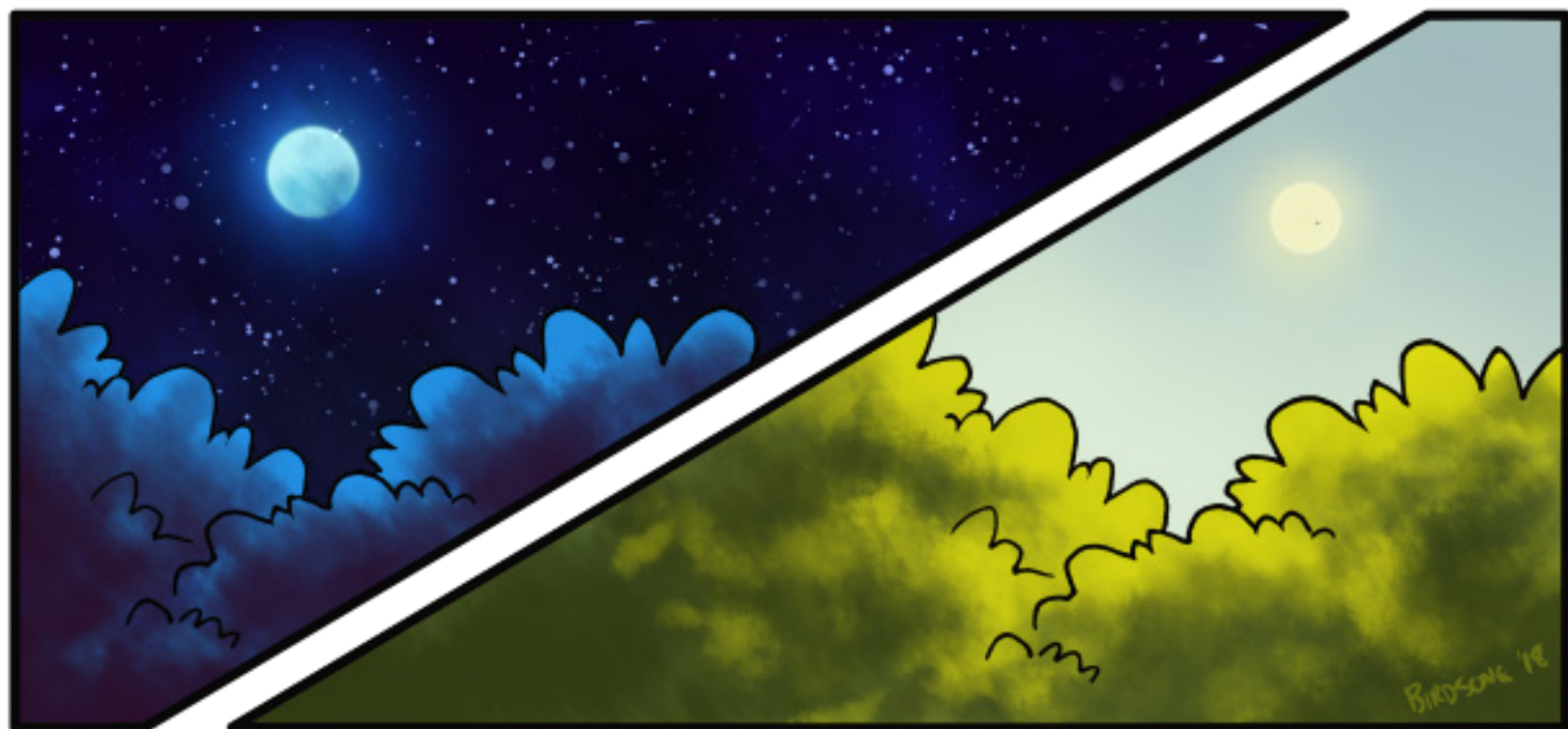
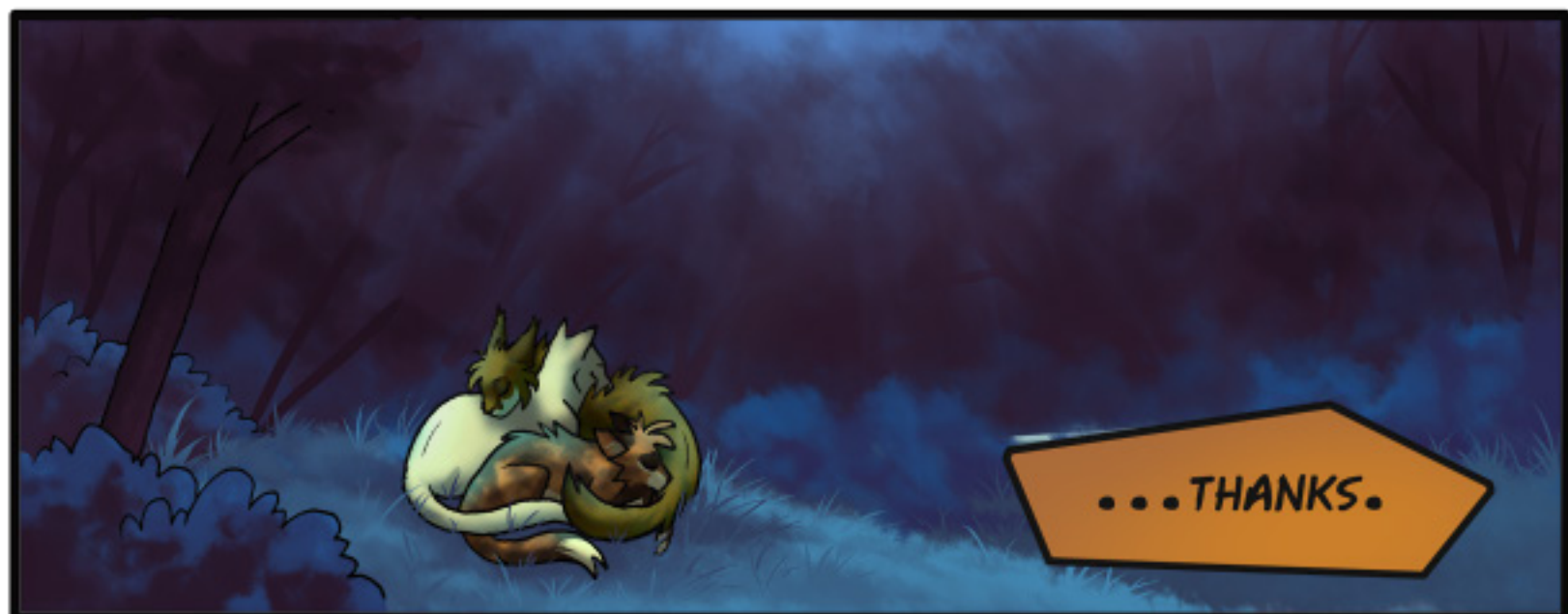




















BUT THOSE WHO  
**RUN** FROM A FIGHT...



...ARE UNWORTHY  
OF THEIR CLAN.

I HOPE YOU WOULDN'T  
BRING SUCH DISGRACE TO  
**YOUR CLAN, RAVENPAW.**



LIGHTEN UP,  
TIGERCLAW. THIS IS  
JUST TRAINING.



IT WONT ALWAYS  
BE. AND HE'S **MY**  
APPRENTICE.

AND YOU  
ARE UNDER **MY**  
AUTHORITY.

OR SHOULD  
I FIND SOMEONE **ELSE**  
TO MENTOR HIM?





















RAVEN---!



...OH.



SPOTTEDLEAF.

IT SEEMS YOU'VE  
CAUGHT A FEARSOME  
INTRUDER!









...FINE, YES,  
GOOD JOB.



WHY DON'T  
YOU HEAD BACK TO  
CAMP, GET YOURSELF  
SOMETHING TO EAT?

WE'LL BE  
ALONG SHORTLY.


OKAY!





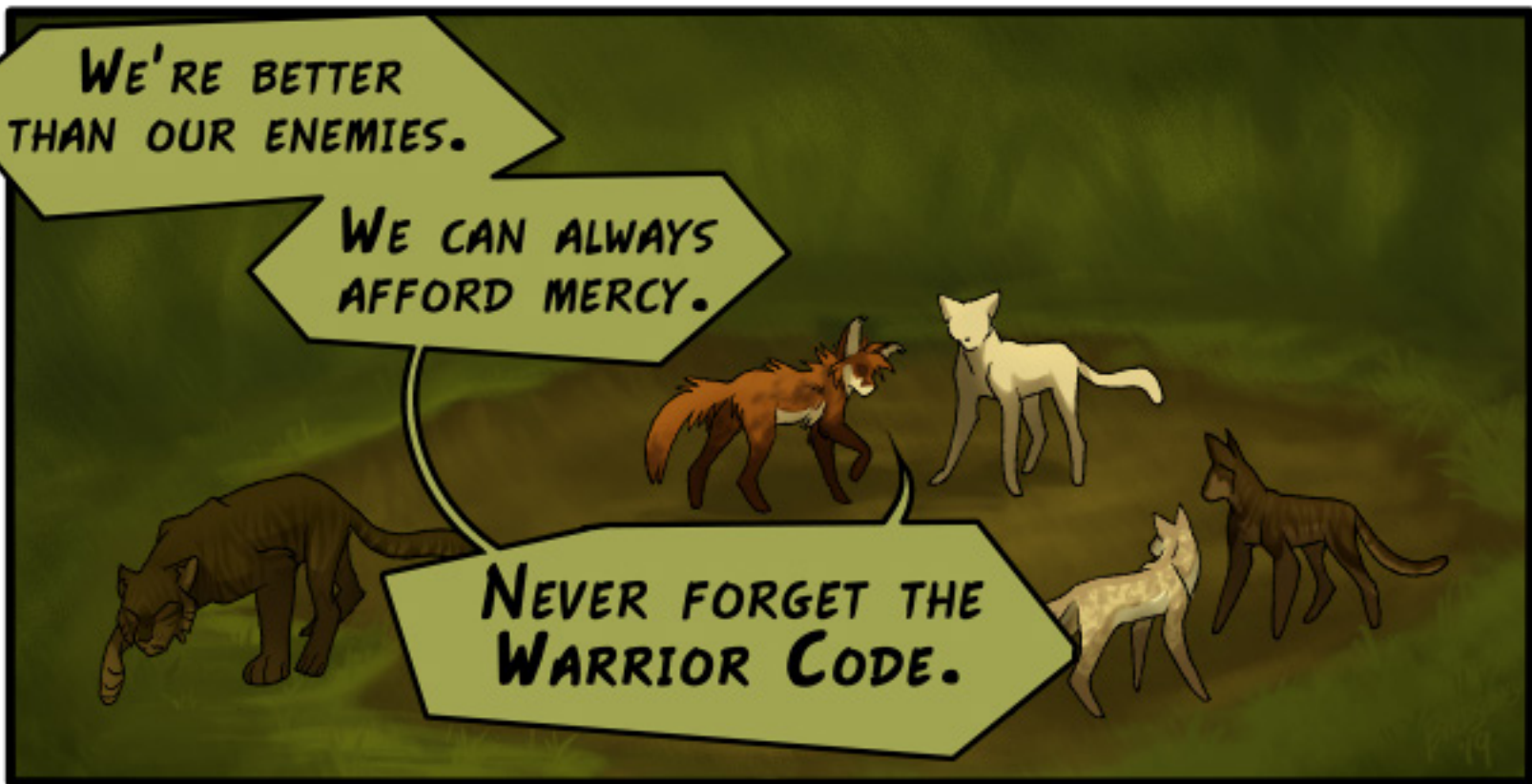
YOU SPOIL HIM,  
REDTAIL.

BETTER THAN  
BULLYING HIM.



I THINK  
TIGERCLAW'S RIGHT.

CAN WE AFFORD  
TO PLAY NICE WHEN OUR  
ENEMIES WON'T BE?




WE'RE BETTER  
THAN OUR ENEMIES.


WE CAN ALWAYS  
AFFORD MERCY.

NEVER FORGET THE  
WARRIOR CODE.




A close-up of two cats. On the left, a brown cat with a dark collar looks towards the right. On the right, a light-colored cat with green eyes looks back at the brown cat.

"A WARRIOR NEED NOT  
KILL TO WIN THEIR BATTLES."

A close-up of the same two cats. The brown cat is on the left, looking slightly away, and the light-colored cat is on the right, looking at the brown cat.

...BUT WHAT IF  
YOU HAVE TO?

A wider shot of the two cats in a grassy field at night. The brown cat is on the left, looking towards the right. The light-colored cat is on the right, looking back at the brown cat.

IF THEY'RE  
JUST GONNA HURT  
EVERYBODY...

YOU DON'T  
HAVE A CHOICE

WHAT IF IT'S  
EITHER THEM OR YOU

AND THEY'RE  
NOT ABOUT TO LET  
YOU GET AWAY

A close-up of the light-colored cat's face. It has a determined and slightly angry expression, with its mouth open showing its teeth.

...THEN IS  
IT ACCEPTABLE  
TO **KILL**?





...IDEALLY, IT'S  
STILL A NO. YOU SHOULD  
NEVER BE PUT IN THAT  
SITUATION.

WHY ARE YOU  
THINKING ABOUT THAT  
KIND OF THING?

I GUESS...

WE JUST  
HEAR ALL THESE  
STORIES...

ABOUT ROGUES,  
OTHER CLANS...

...EVEN KITTYPETS.

IF ANYONE TRIES  
TO HURT MY CLAN,  
I'LL...!

I'LL KILL THEM!





SANDPAW...

THERE MAY BE  
TIMES

WHEN YOU  
CANNOT REASON  
WITH SOMEONE



YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO  
TRUST YOUR OWN JUDGEMENT  
AND HOPE YOU MAKE THE  
RIGHT CHOICE.

AND YOU  
KNOW THEY'LL  
CONTINUE TO  
BE A THREAT  
...



...BUT I HOPE  
YOU'LL NEVER BE FACED  
WITH THAT KIND OF  
DECISION.





HAVE YOU EVER  
HAD TO DEAL WITH THAT  
KIND OF THING?

NAH, MOST  
CATS DON'T BOTHER  
WITH ALL THAT.



...YOU KNOW,  
YOU'RE A PRETTY  
GOOD DEPUTY.

















I'M SURE YOU ARE ALL AWARE  
OF THE ATTACK ON THE SHADOWCLAN  
BORDER YESTERDAY.

WE WILL CONFRONT  
THEM TONIGHT.



BLACKFOOT'S MENTION OF  
A NEW LEADER HAS ME CONCERNED  
FOR THIS GATHERING

WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS.  
AT LEAST UNTIL WE KNOW MORE. WE  
CANNOT AFFORD A MISTAKE.



WHITESTORM

TIGERCLAW

DARKSTRIPE



WILLOWPELT

BRINDLEFACE

GOLDENFLOWER



PATCHPELT

SMALLEAR

ONE-EYE

WE'LL HEAD OUT NOW.



A comic panel showing three cats in a dark forest at night. On the left, a brown cat with a white chest patch looks towards the right. In the center, a black cat with a white star on its chest looks forward. On the right, a tan cat with a blue collar and a blue stripe on its face looks towards the left. A yellow speech bubble is on the left.


HEY, WHAT ABOUT US?

WON'T THE OTHER CLANS  
THINK WE'RE WEAK IF YOU DON'T  
BRING ANY APPRENTICES?

A comic panel showing a brown cat and a tan cat with a blue collar and a blue stripe on its face. The brown cat is on the left, looking towards the tan cat on the right. A grey speech bubble is on the left, and a yellow speech bubble is at the bottom.

SHADOWCLAN IS CURRENTLY  
UNPREDICTABLE. THE GATHERING  
MAY BE DANGEROUS.

HEY, IT'S OKAY,  
THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT  
MOON.

A comic panel showing a close-up of a grey cat with yellow eyes. The cat has a blue stripe on its face and is looking slightly to the right with an open mouth as if speaking. A grey speech bubble is on the right.

BESIDES, ATTENDING  
THE GATHERING IS A GREAT  
HONOR.

ONE YOU'VE YET TO  
PROVE WORTHY OF.





GOOD LUCK AT THE  
GATHERING, REDTAIL.



THANKS,  
LIONHEART!

GOOD LUCK WITH  
THE APPRENTICES!





ARE YOU SURE IT'S  
WISE TO CONFRONT SHADOWCLAN  
DURING THE GATHERING?

STARCLAN MIGHT  
NOT APPROVE.



IF THE NEW LEADER IS AS  
DANGEROUS AS BLACKFOOT IMPLIED,  
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE.



IF THEY WANT A FIGHT,  
WE'LL GIVE THEM ONE.

WE SHOULDN'T JUMP  
TO CONCLUSIONS.

IT MAY JUST BE A BLUFF.





WE'LL FIND OUT  
SOON ENOUGH.



















IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

I DIDN'T SEE YOU AT  
THE LAST GATHERING.

HOW ARE THINGS  
IN THUNDERCLAN?

WE'RE FINE,  
OAKHEART.





AND BLUESTAR? SHE'S WELL?

WHY DO YOU CARE.







DESPITE OUR  
DIFFERENCES, I DO RESPECT  
MY NEIGHBORS.



AND YOURS IS A WISE  
AND INTELLEAGENT LEADER.

I HOPE SHE  
CONTINUES TO LEAD  
YOUR CLAN WELL.





THEN WHY DID YOU  
LEAVE HER?



...I'M SORRY?





**BLUESTAR.**

**YOU LEFT HER.**



**WITH NO FAMILY.  
TO DEAL WITH ALL OF  
THIS ALONE.**



**WHAT KIND OF  
CAT ARE YOU?**





**SIGH**

HOW LONG HAVE  
YOU KNOWN?

ABOUT A MOON.

YOU'RE LUCKY  
NO ONE ELSE HAS  
NOTICED.

IT ISN'T HARD  
TO FIGURE OUT.











YOU DON'T  
SERIOUSLY--

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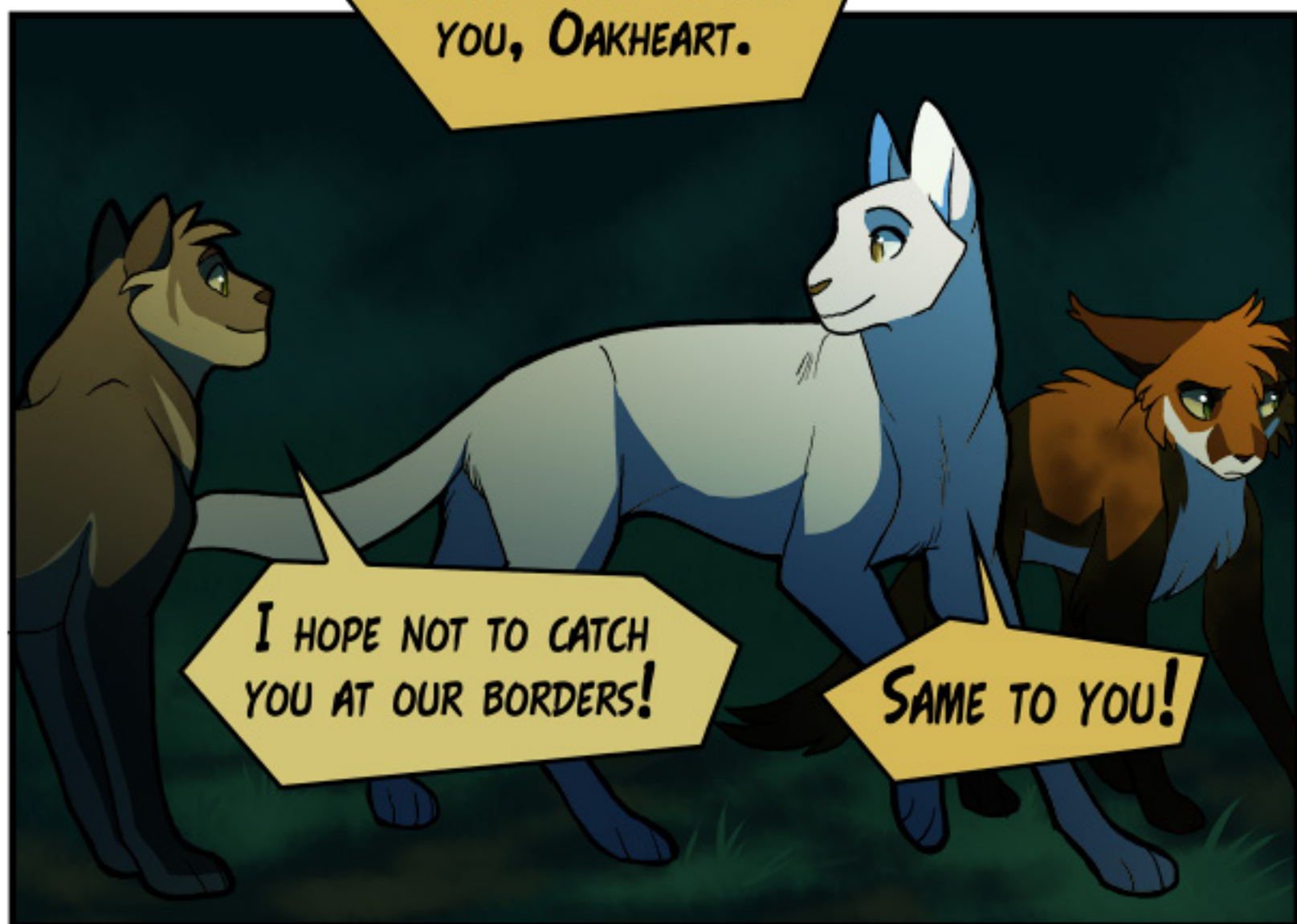


HEY,  
OAKHEART!



IS MY DEPUTY  
BOTHERING YOU?













DO YOU WANT TO GET  
BLUESTAR IN TROUBLE?

AT A GATHERING,  
NO LESS?

IT ISN'T RIGHT  
SHE GAVE IT ALL UP,  
FOR NOTHING.


MY AUNT IS MANY  
THINGS, REDTAIL.

BUT YOU'RE DISREGARDING  
EVERYTHING SHE'S DONE FOR US.

THE SACRIFICES SHE'S MADE  
HAVE TO BE WORTH IT.








IS IT EVER WORTH IT  
TO LEAVE YOUR FAMILY  
FOR YOUR CLAN?

SHE MADE HER  
CHOICE. ALL WE CAN  
DO IS RESPECT IT.



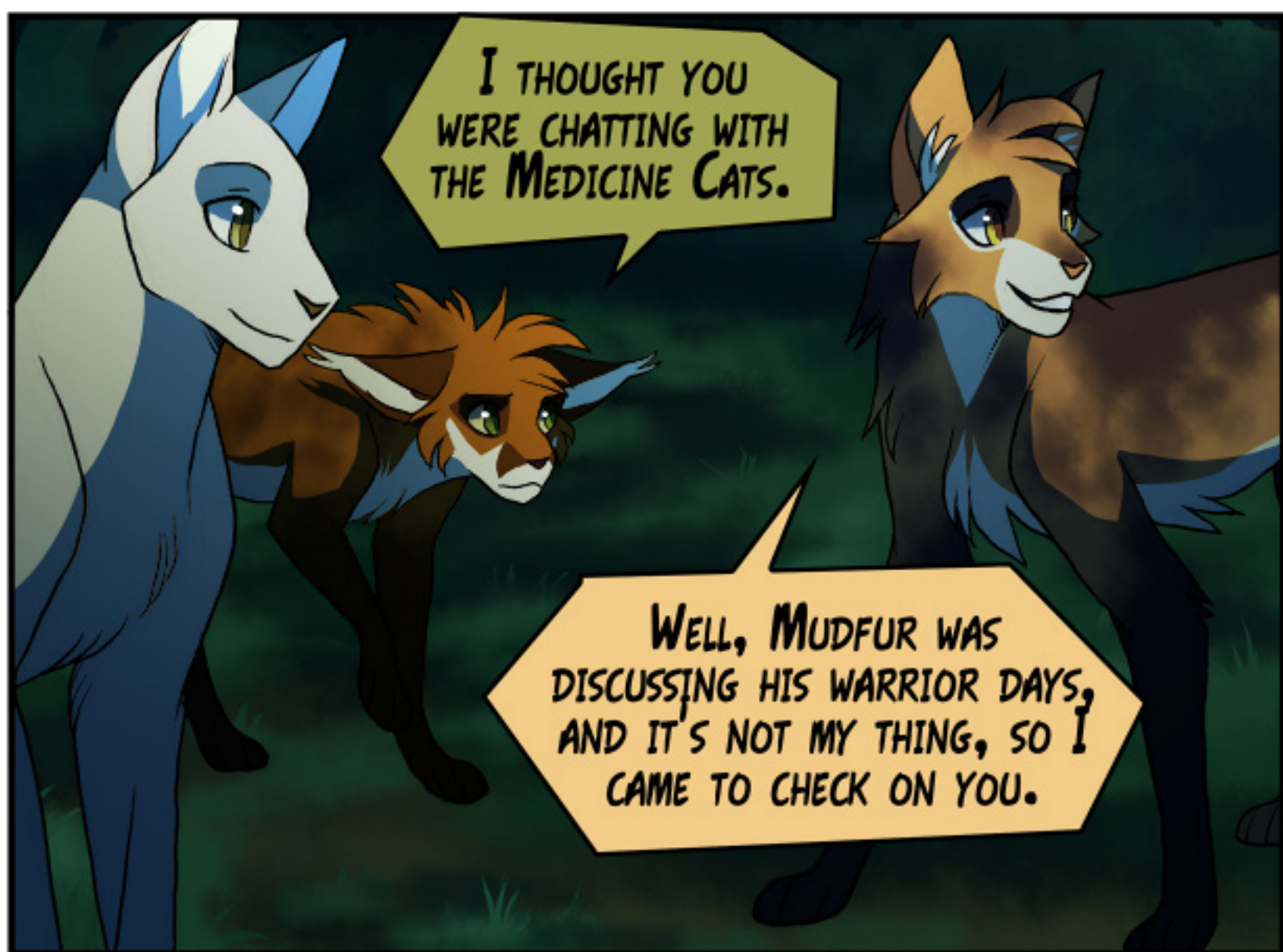
ONE DAY, WE  
MAY HAVE TO MAKE A  
SIMILAR DECISION.

FOR THE SAKE  
OF OUR CLAN.



















IT APPEARS SHADOWCLAN  
HAVE NO INTENTION OF  
SHOWING THEMSELVES.







RIVERCLAN ARE DOING  
WELL THIS LAST MOON, WE  
NEARLY LOST AN APPRENTICE TO THE  
SWELLING RIVER, BUT OAKHEART  
RESCUED HIM.



WE HAVE A NEW  
APPRENTICE IN SILVERPAW  
AS WELL.





I NOTICE YOU DIDN'T  
BRING ANY APPRENTICES  
THIS EVENING, BLUESTAR.

IF THUNDERCLAN IS  
FEELING THAT WEAK, PERHAPS  
YOU SHOULD GIVE BACK MY  
TERRITORY.



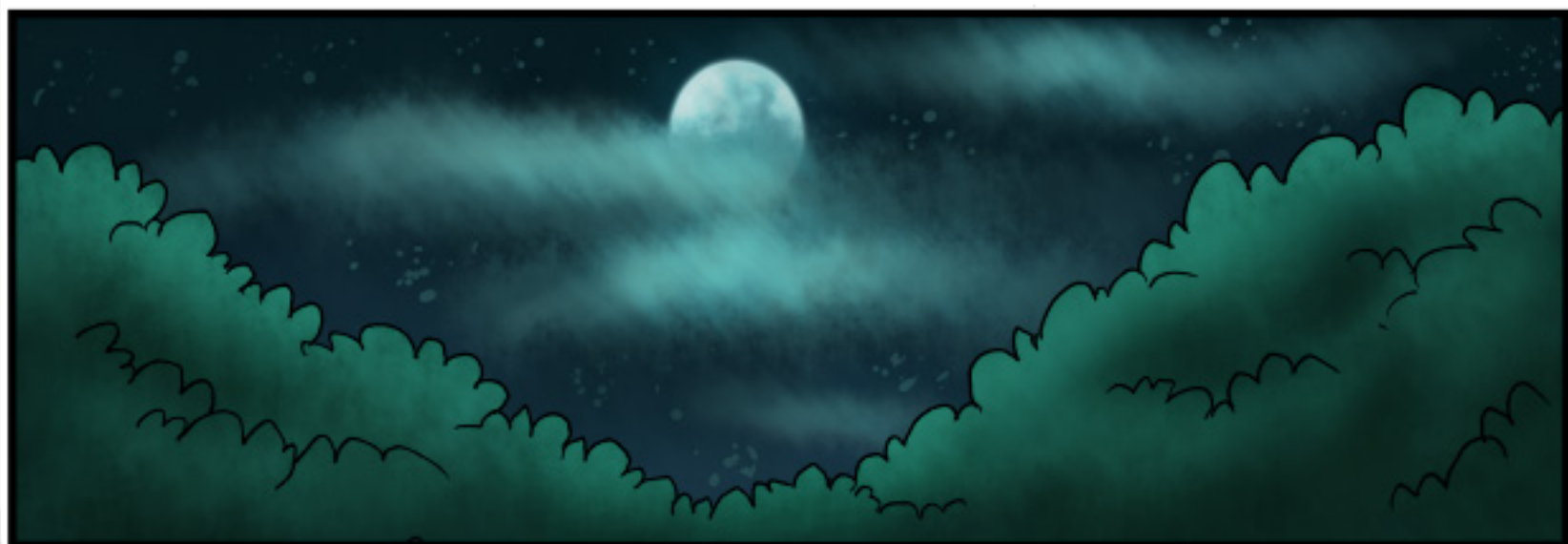
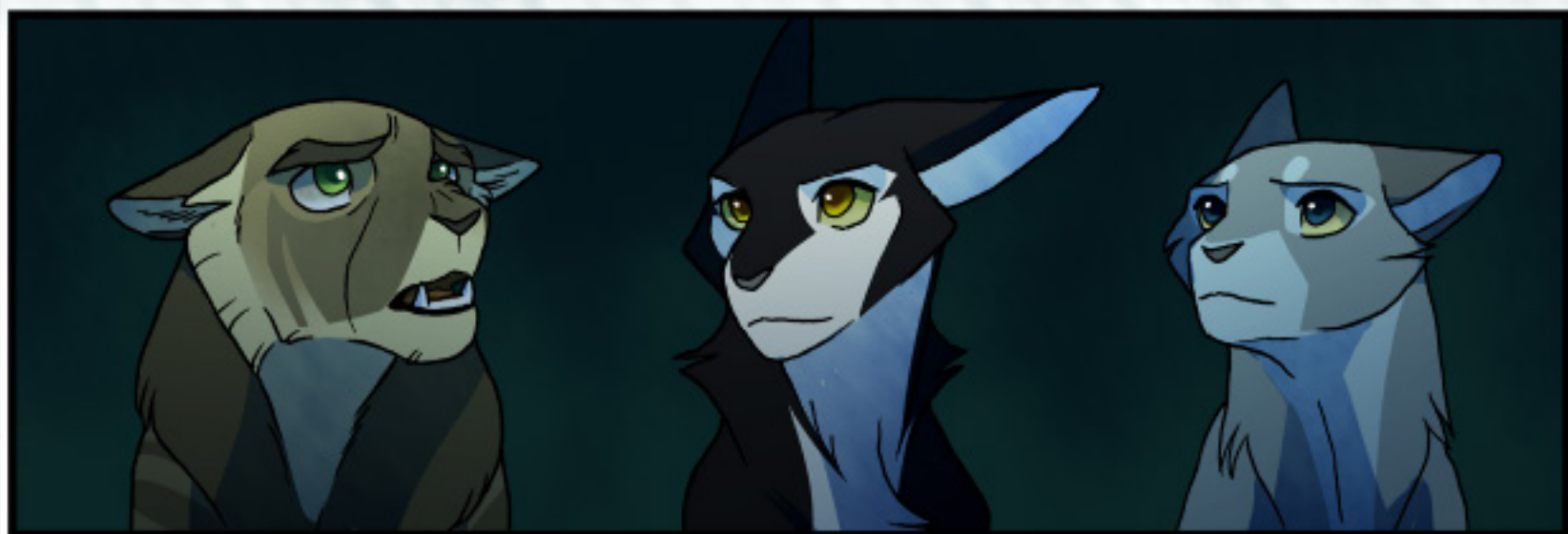
YOU'RE FREE TO TRY TO TAKE  
SUNNINGROCKS, CROOKEDSTAR.

IF YOU'VE SPINE  
ENOUGH TO DO SO.

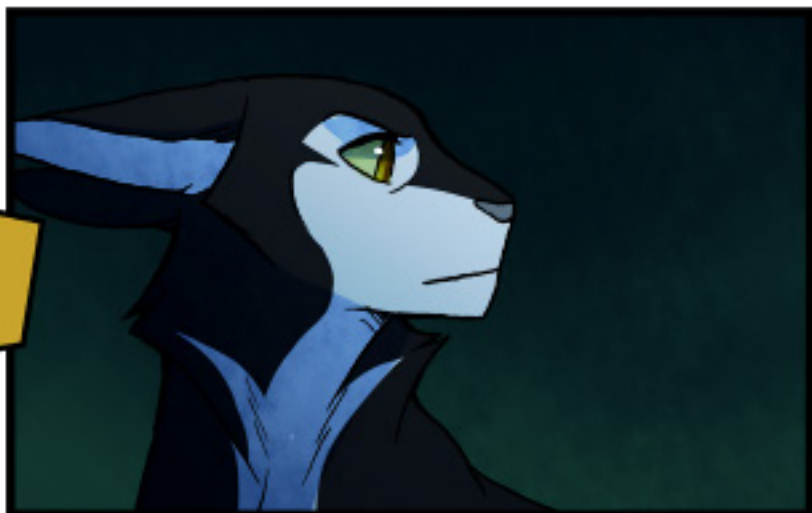


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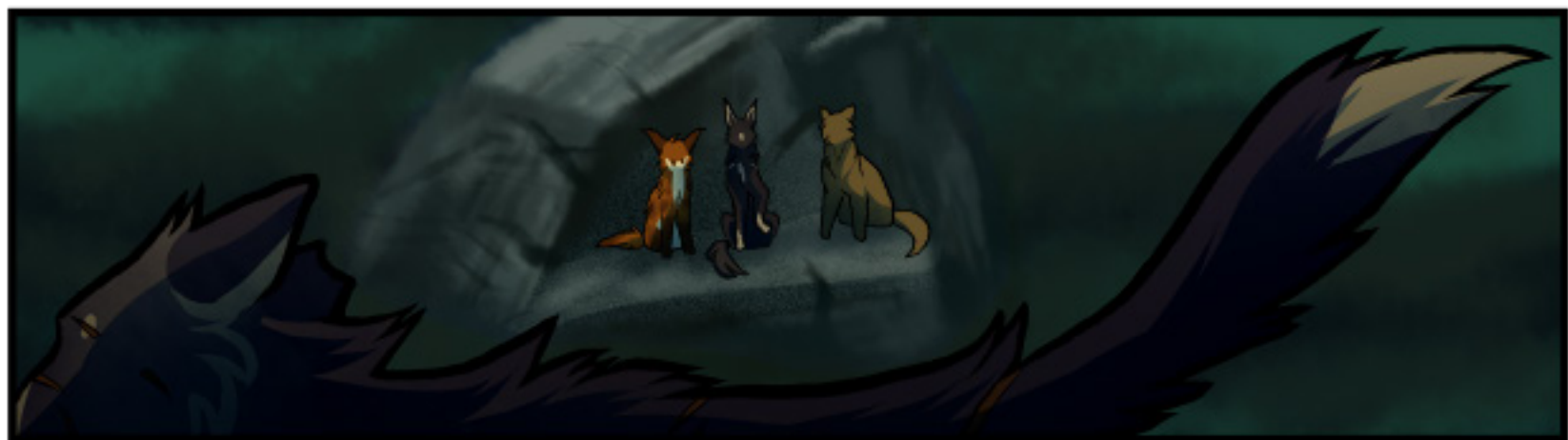

















GOOD EVENING,  
EVERYONE.

WHERE IS  
RAGGEDSTAR?

MY FATHER WILL NOT  
BE JOINING US.

HE WAS KILLED IN A  
PATROL THE LAST MOON, AND  
I HAVE TAKEN HIS PLACE.






SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO  
TRIED TO STEAL MY TERRITORY.



I INTEND TO TAKE MORE  
OF **EVERY** TERRITORY.




IF YOU TOUCH  
RIVERCLAN LAND--




NOT YOU, FISHFACE.

THEN ALLOW ME.





IF YOU TRY TO CLAIM EVEN A  
WHISKER OF TERRITORY,  
YOU WILL BE TREATED LIKE  
THE ROGUES YOU CLEARLY  
WANT TO BE.



YOU WILL IMPRESS  
NO ONE WITH YOUR  
EMPTY BULLYING.

SO YOU  
NEEDN'T BOTHER.

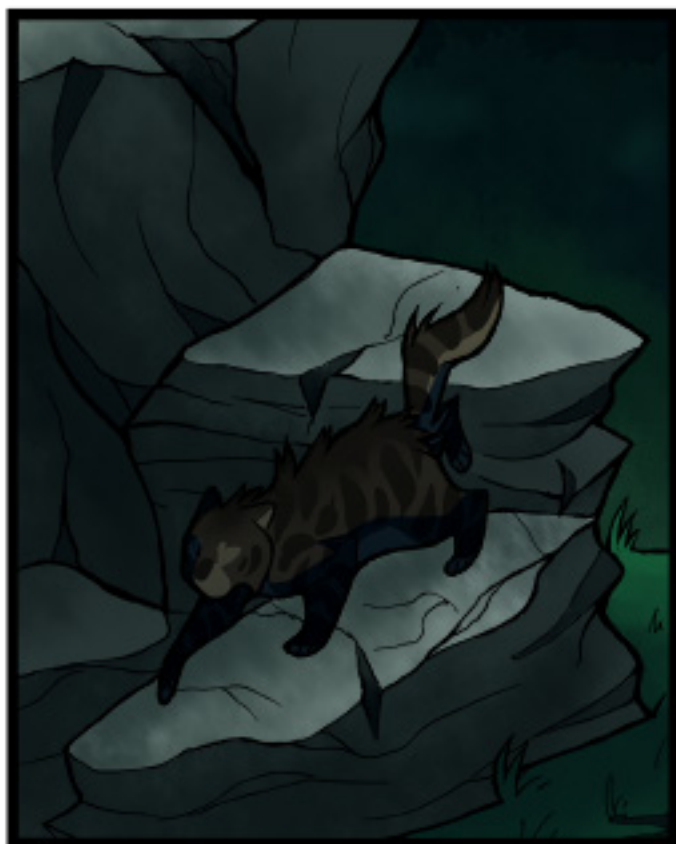


THIS IS A BATTLE  
YOU CANNOT WIN.





WE'LL SEE  
ABOUT THAT.



BEST KEEP AN  
EYE ON THEM.

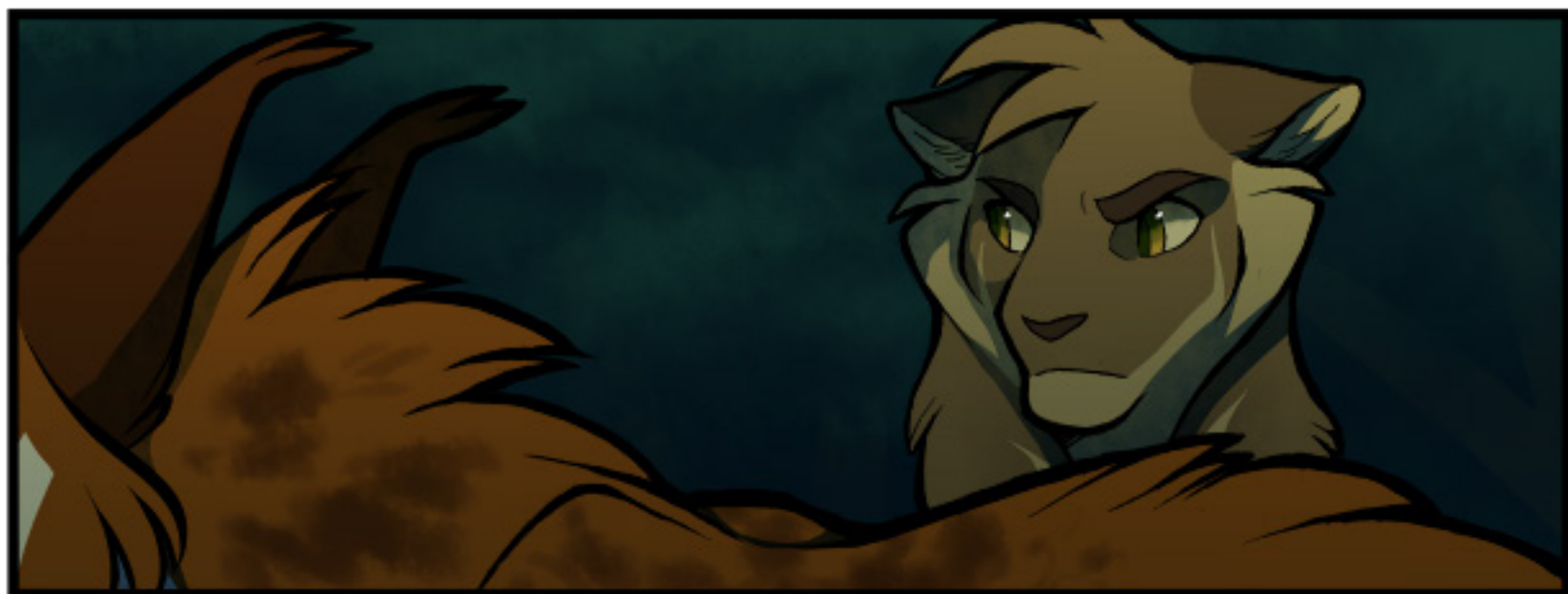
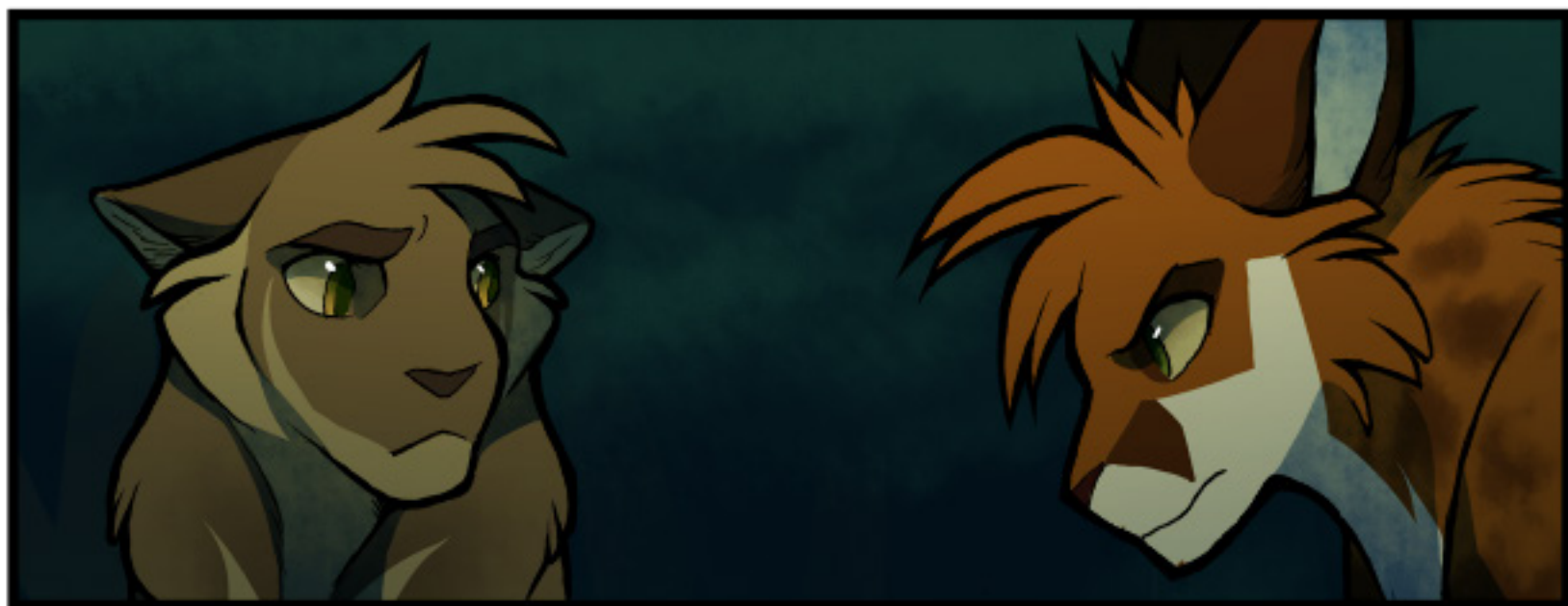
























WE WILL BE  
READY FOR THEM.



WE WILL DEAL WITH  
THEM JUST AS WE DEALT  
WITH SHADOWCLAN.









THEY'RE YOUR FAMILY--

**STOP IT.**

I HARDLY SEE  
HOW THIS IS ANY OF  
YOUR BUSINESS.

IF YOU CANNOT LEAD  
THIS PARTY, I WILL FIND  
SOMEONE WHO CAN.




TO THINK MY DEPUTY IS  
AFRAID TO FIGHT.



**PATHETIC!**





OR SHALL I  
GIVE THIS MISSION  
TO TIGERCLAW?



BLUESTAR, I...

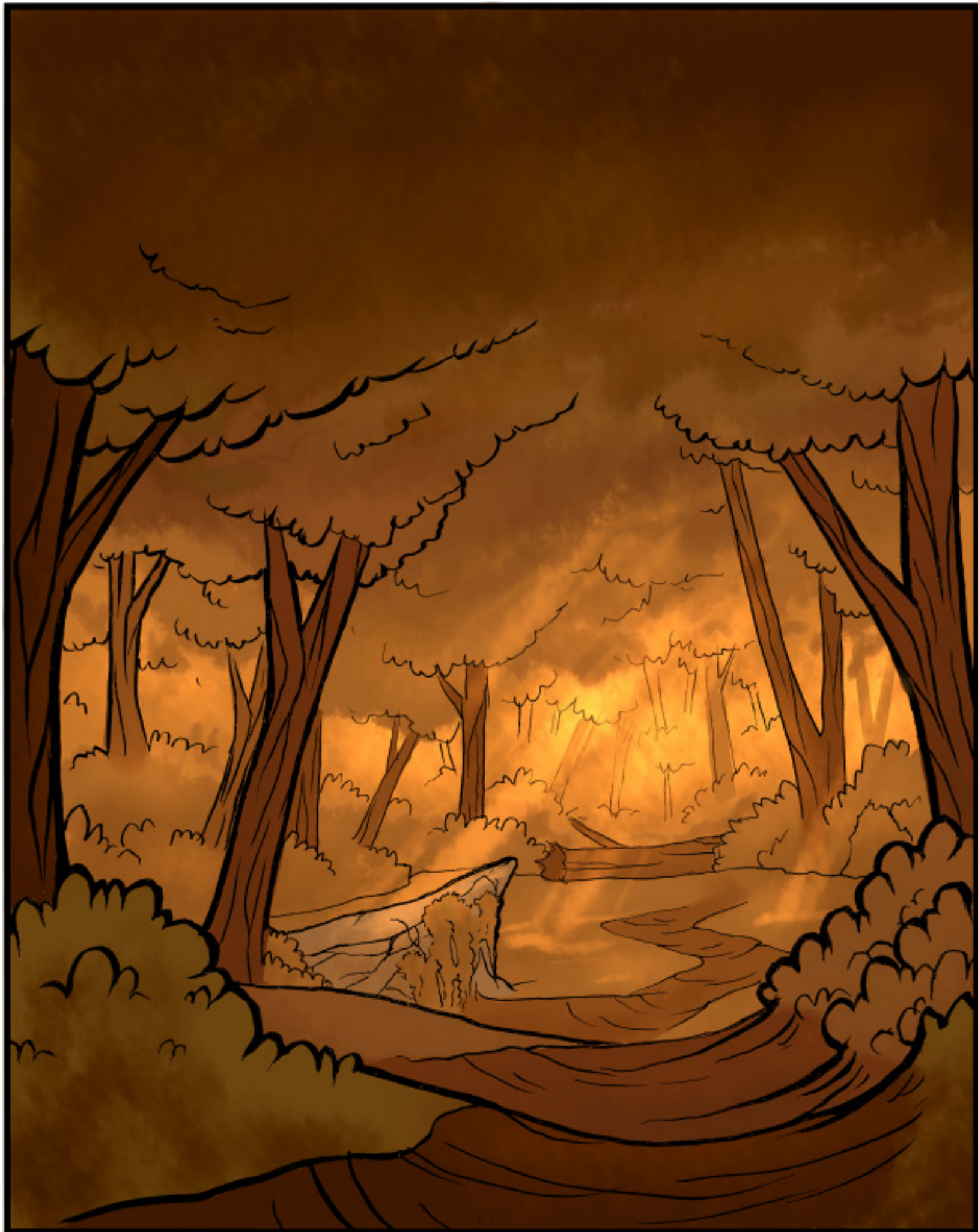


GO, REDTAIL.

TAKE TIGERCLAW WITH  
YOU. AT LEAST I CAN TRUST  
HIM TO GET THE JOB DONE.







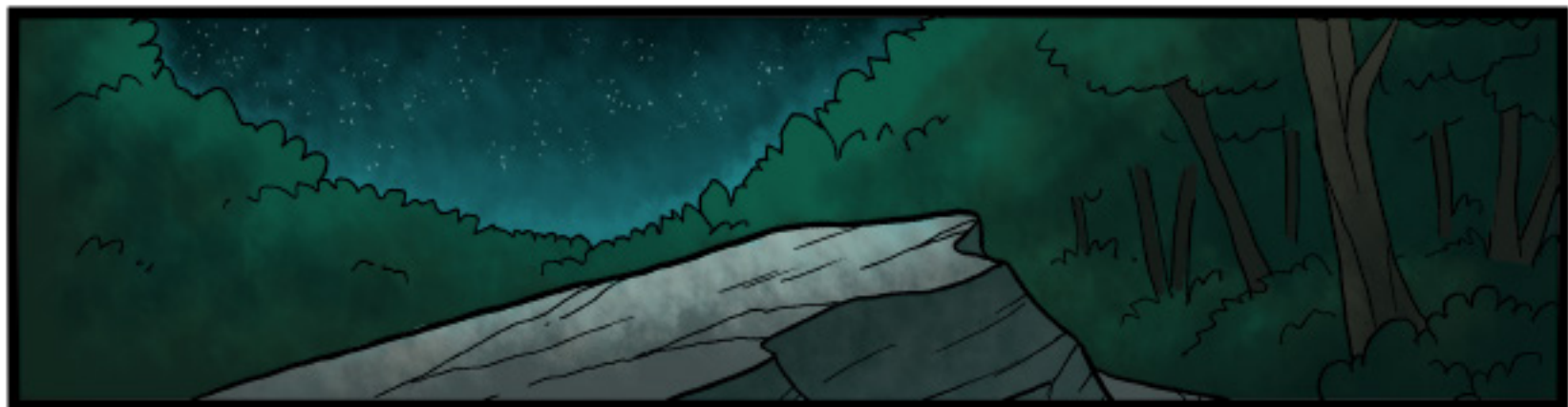






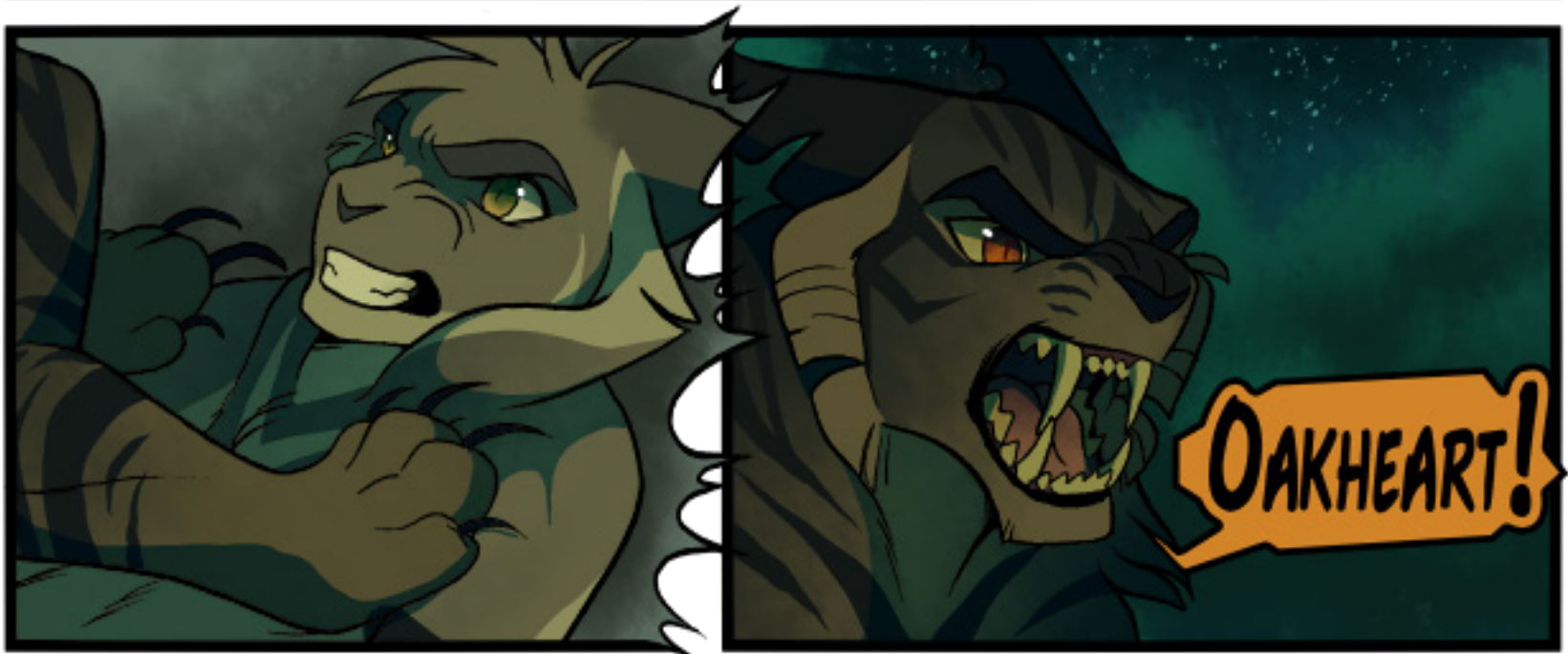






REEAAAAWWRRRRP!!





**OAKHEART!**

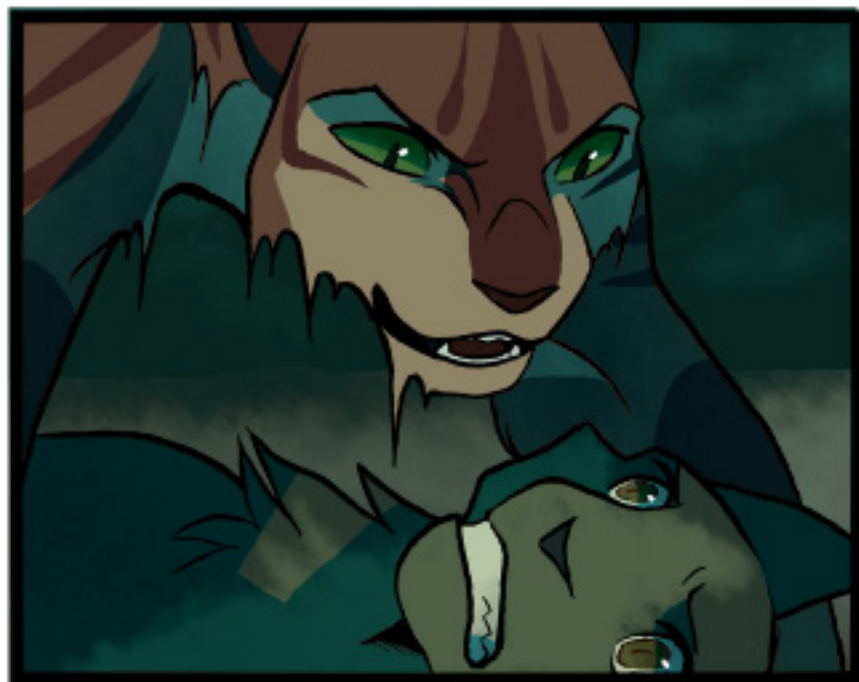
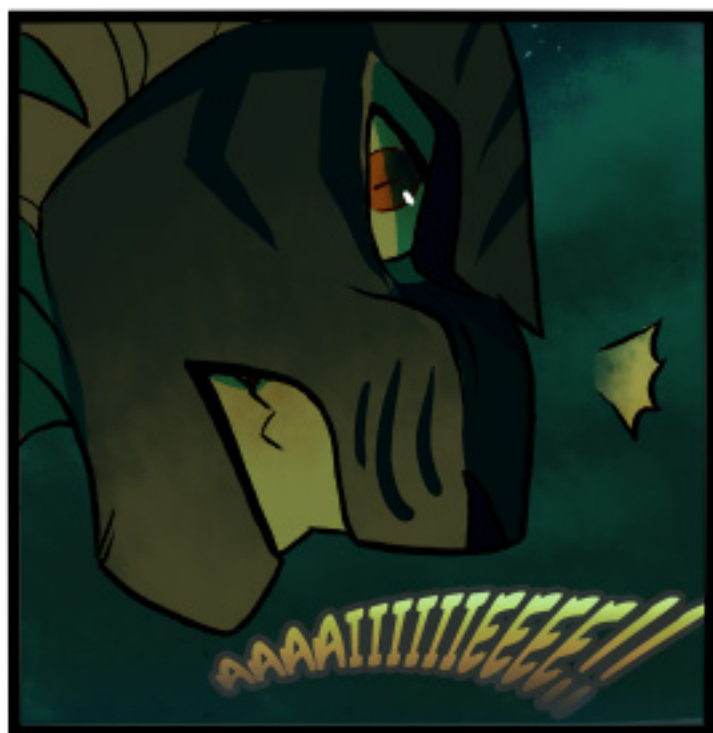


**HOW DARE  
YOU HUNT IN OUR  
TERRITORY?**

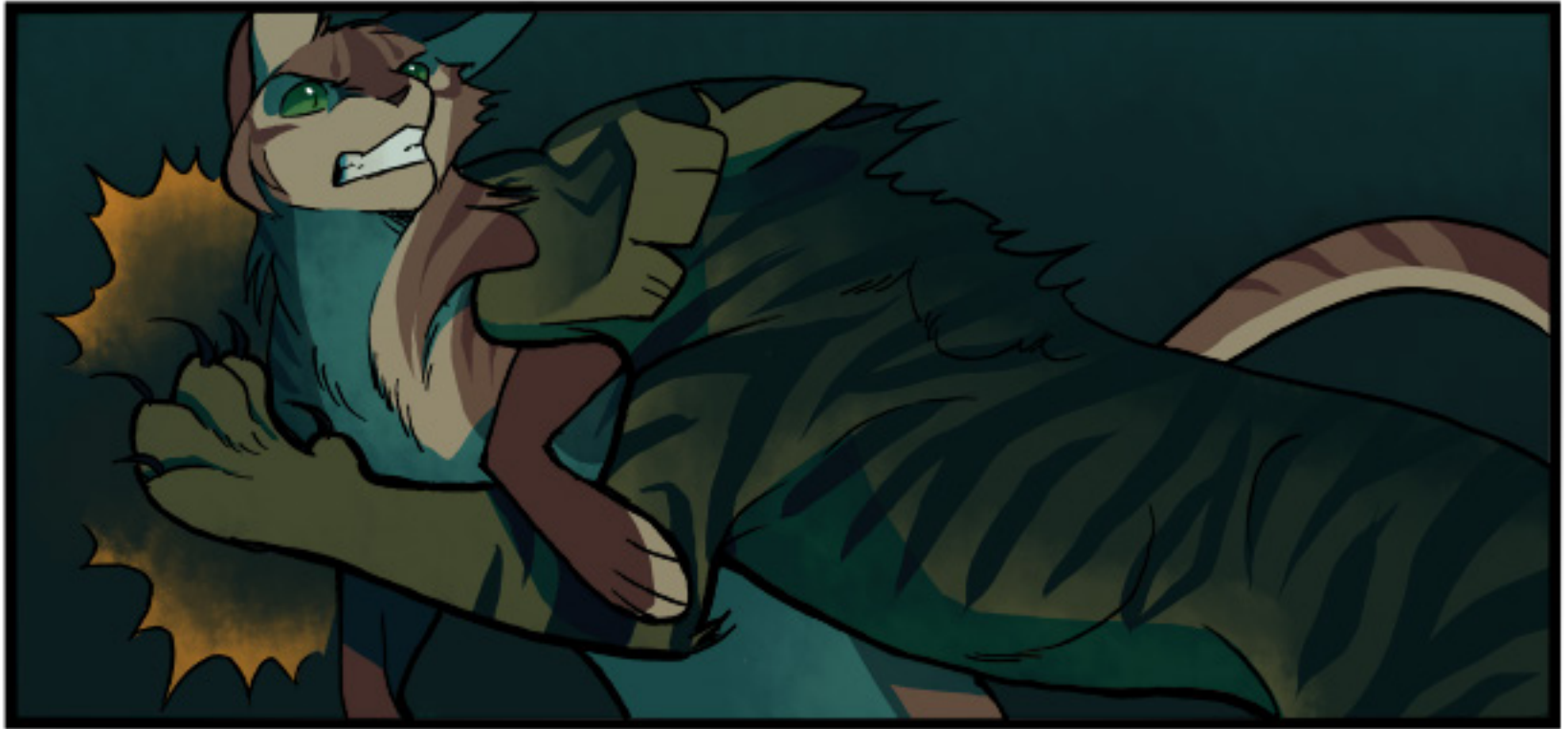
**SUNNINGROCKS BELONGS  
TO THUNDERCLAN!**

**AFTER TONIGHT, TIGERCLAW,  
THIS WILL BE JUST ANOTHER PART  
OF RIVERCLAN TERRITORY!**

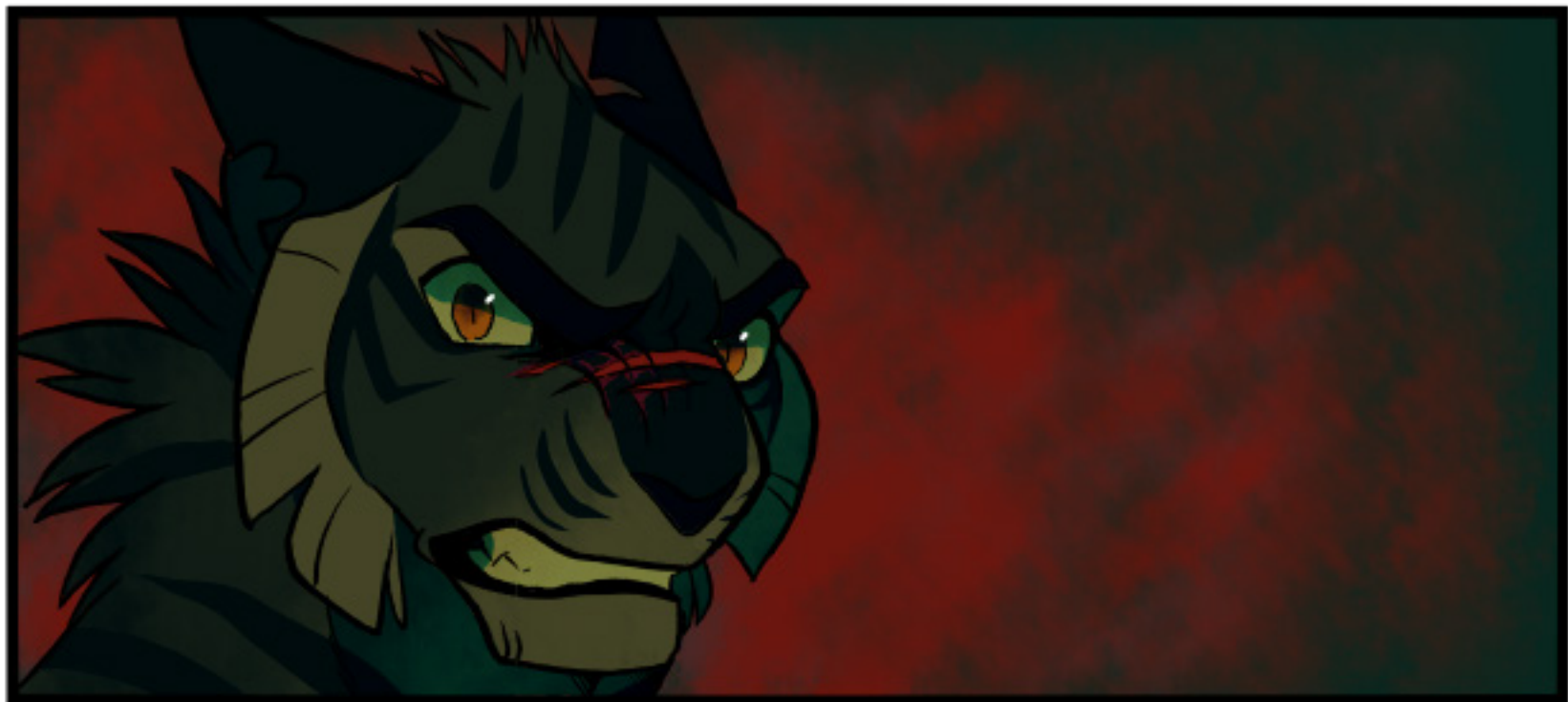
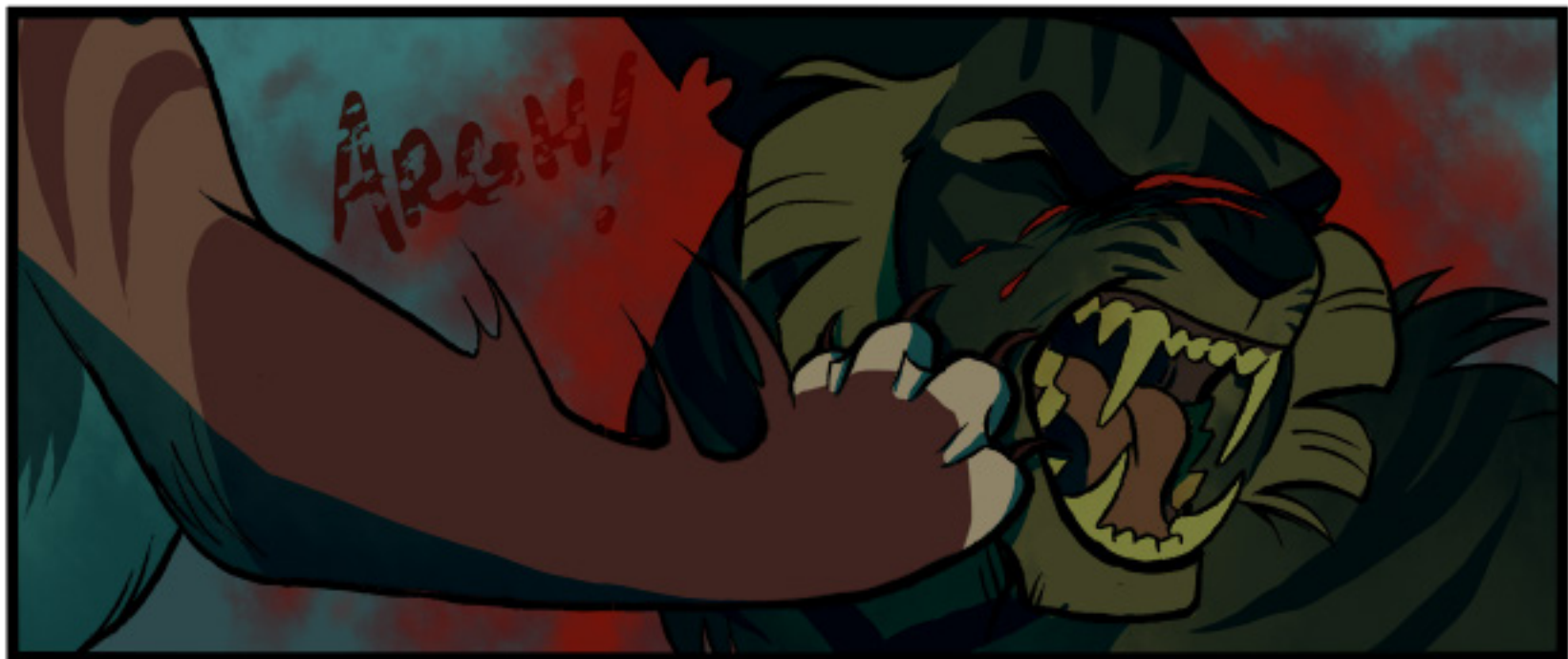
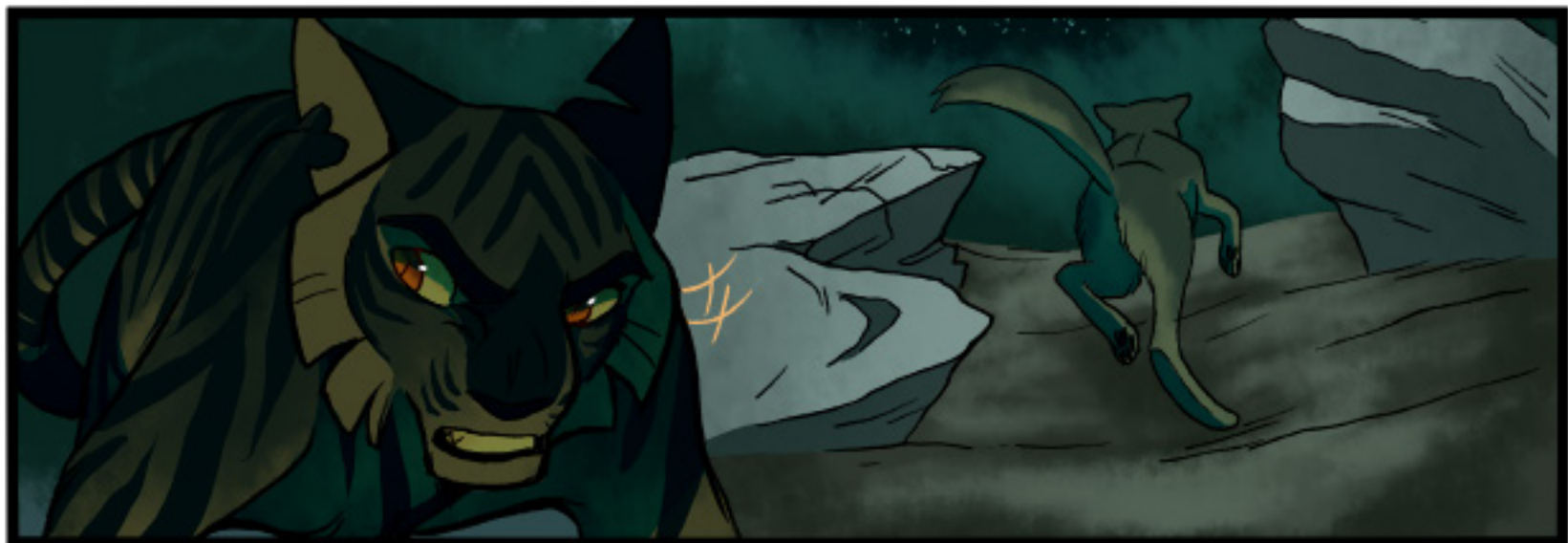


















A close-up of Tigerclaw's face, showing his dark fur, stripes, and a red mark on his nose. He has a determined and somewhat menacing expression.

**TIGERCLAW!**

Redtail is shown from the waist up, standing on a grey rock. He is looking towards the left with a determined expression.

**THIS IS USELESS!**

THERE ARE TOO  
MANY RIVERCLAN  
WARRIORS!

Redtail and Tigerclaw are facing each other on a rocky surface. Redtail is on the left, looking towards Tigerclaw on the right. In the background, other cats are visible, including a white cat and a blue cat.

**NO, REDTAIL.**

THUNDERCLAN WILL  
NEVER BE BEATEN!

**THIS IS OUR  
TERRITORY!**

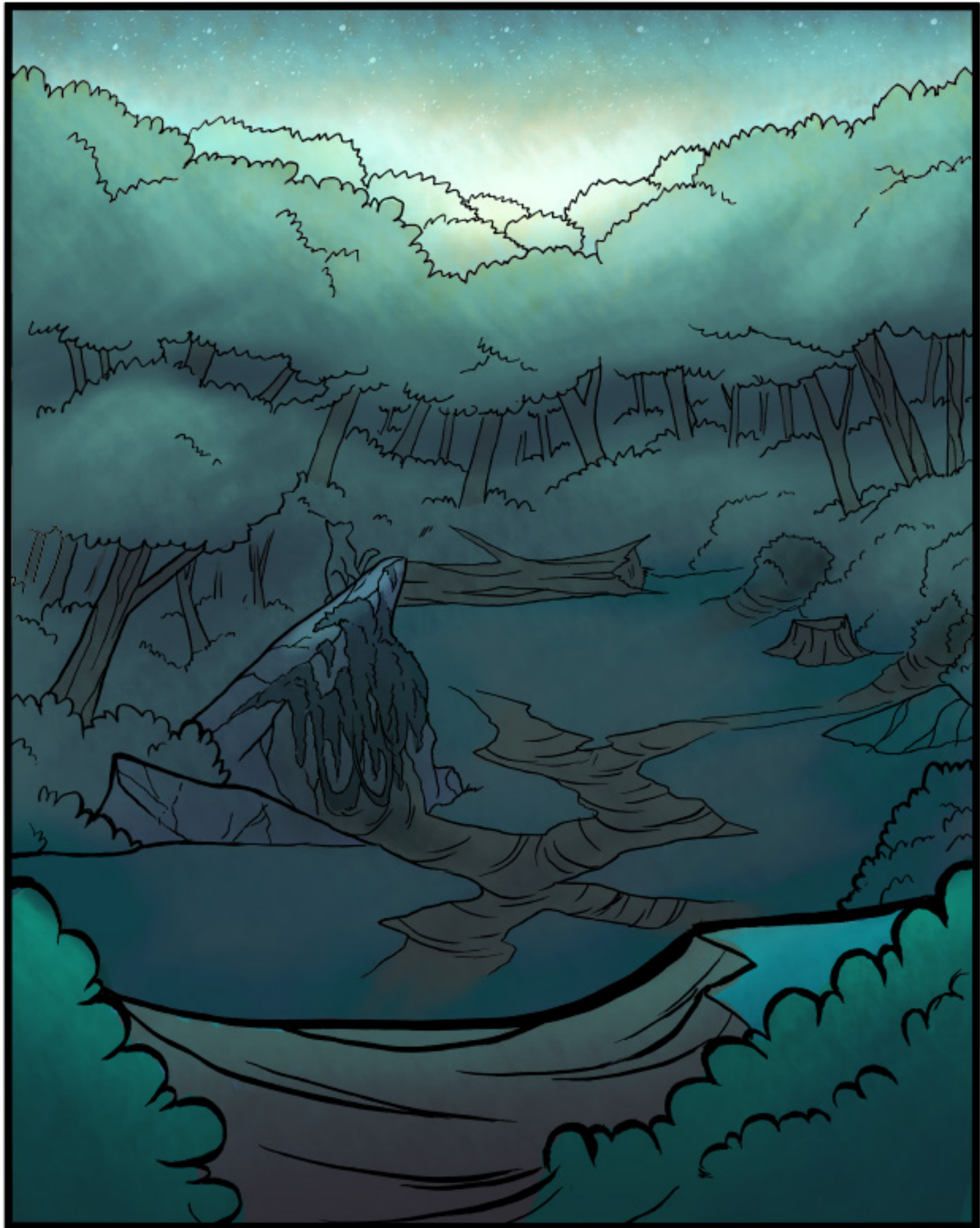




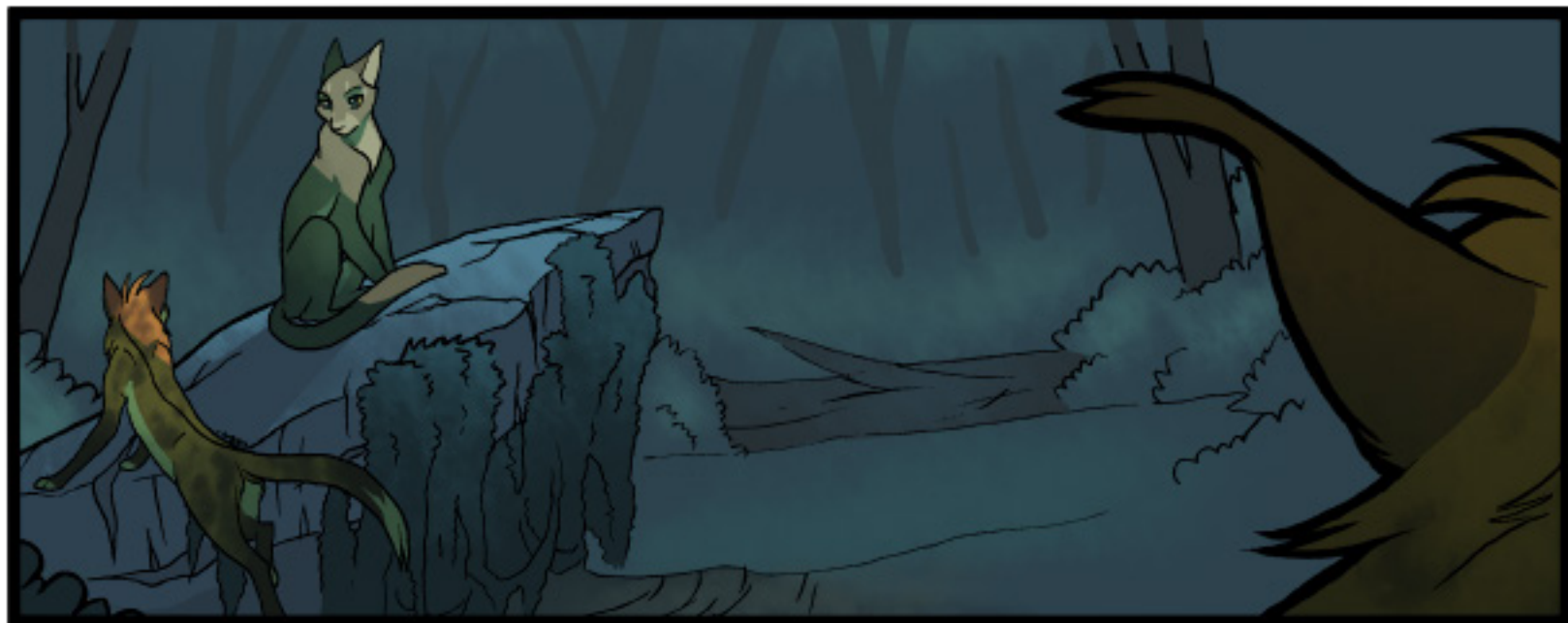




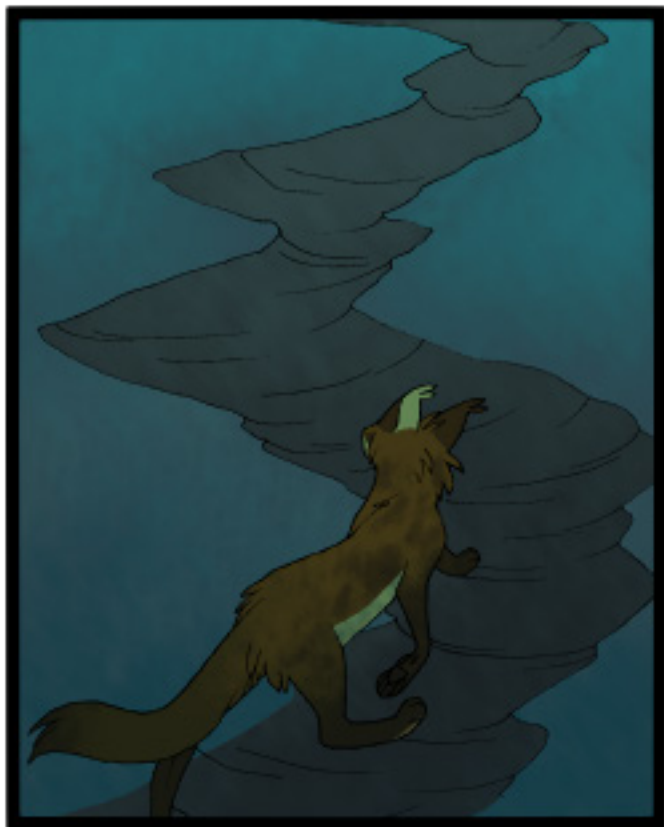






















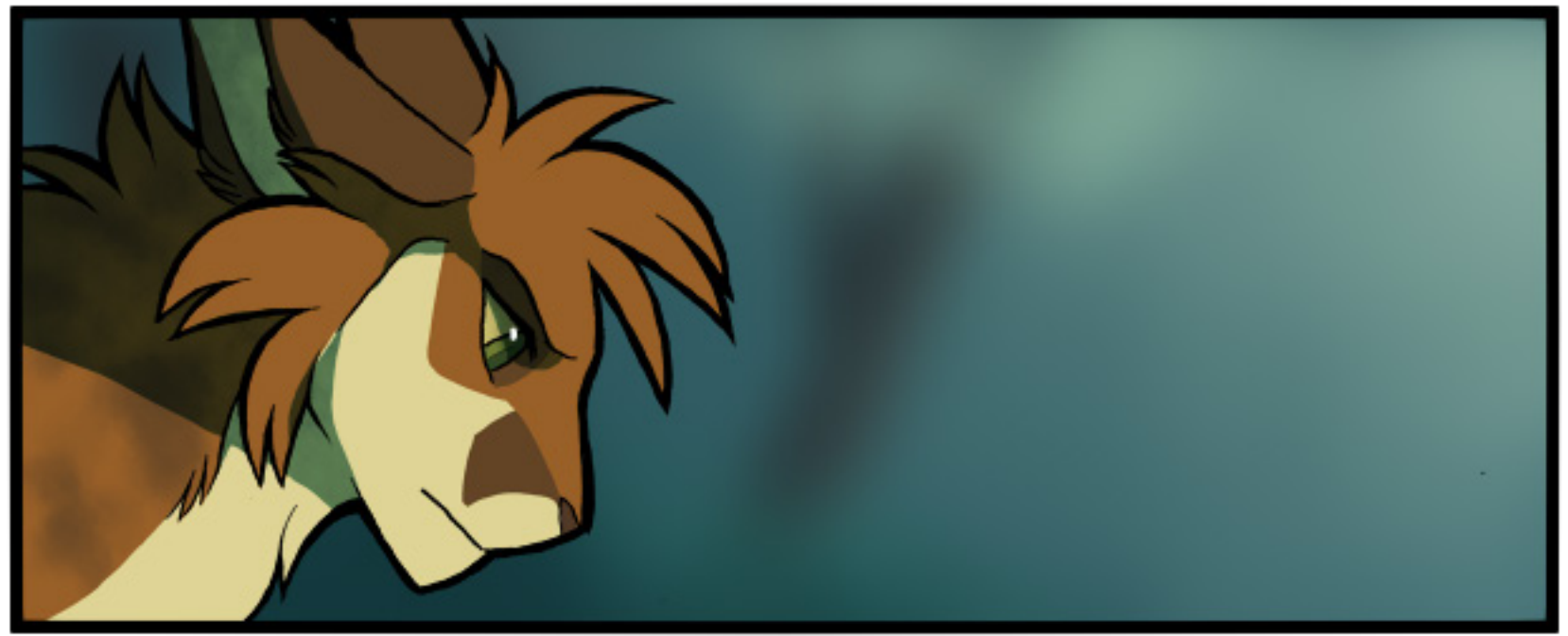


ARE YOU CERTAIN  
WE WOULD HAVE LOST THE  
FIGHT HAD WE STAYED?

AT THE TIME,  
I WAS.



...BUT NOT NOW?







...NO.

I DON'T KNOW?



I DIDN'T WANT TO  
LOSE ANYONE.



MOUSEFUR IN PARTICULAR  
COULD HAVE DIED.



I WOULDN'T HAVE  
LET THAT HAPPEN.













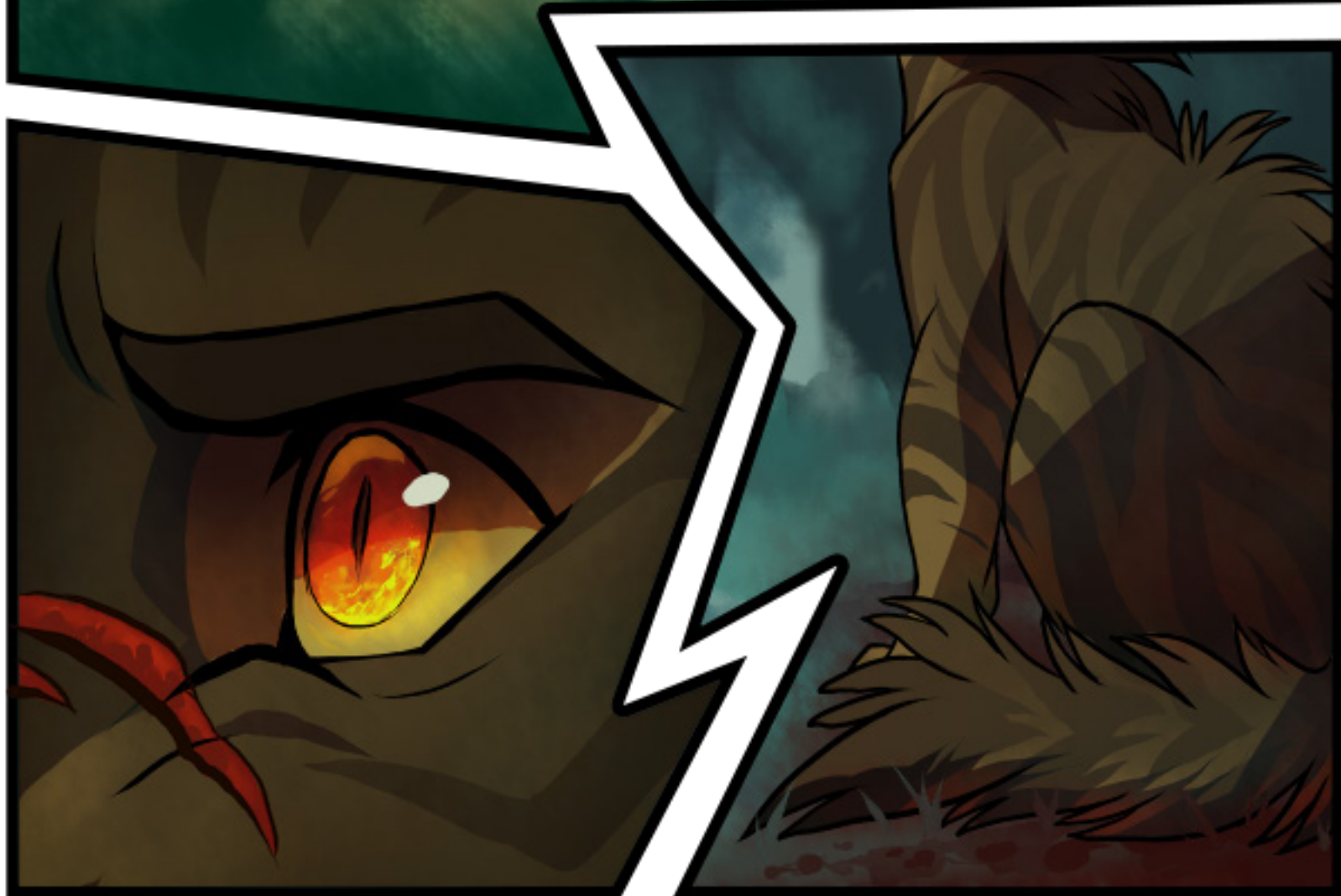
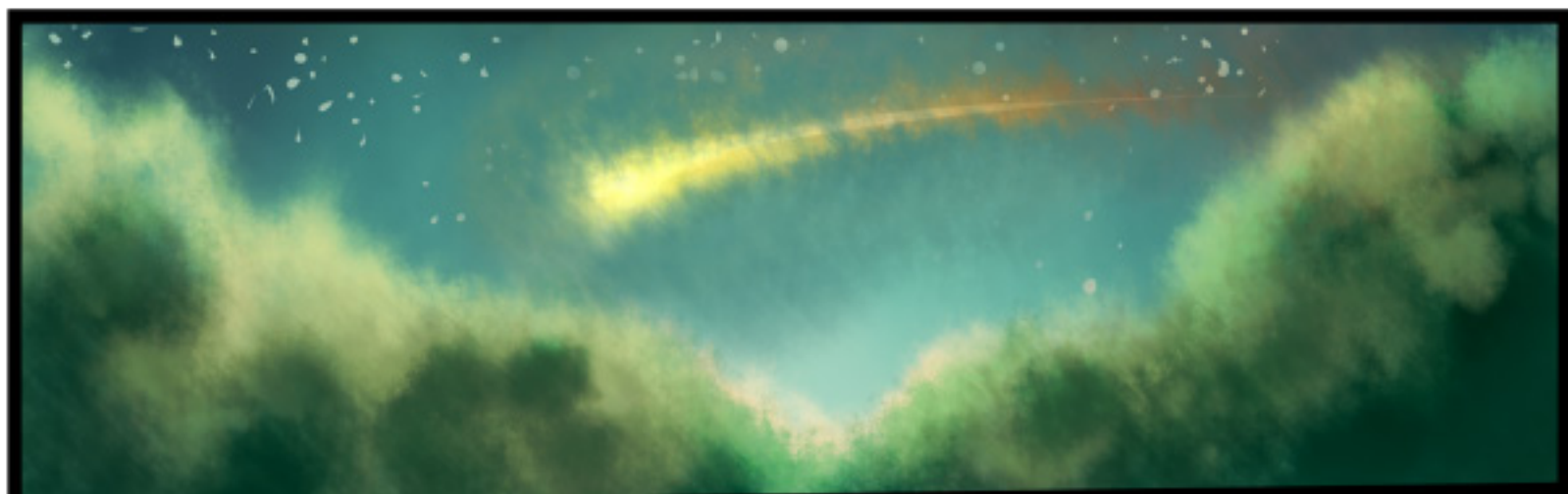
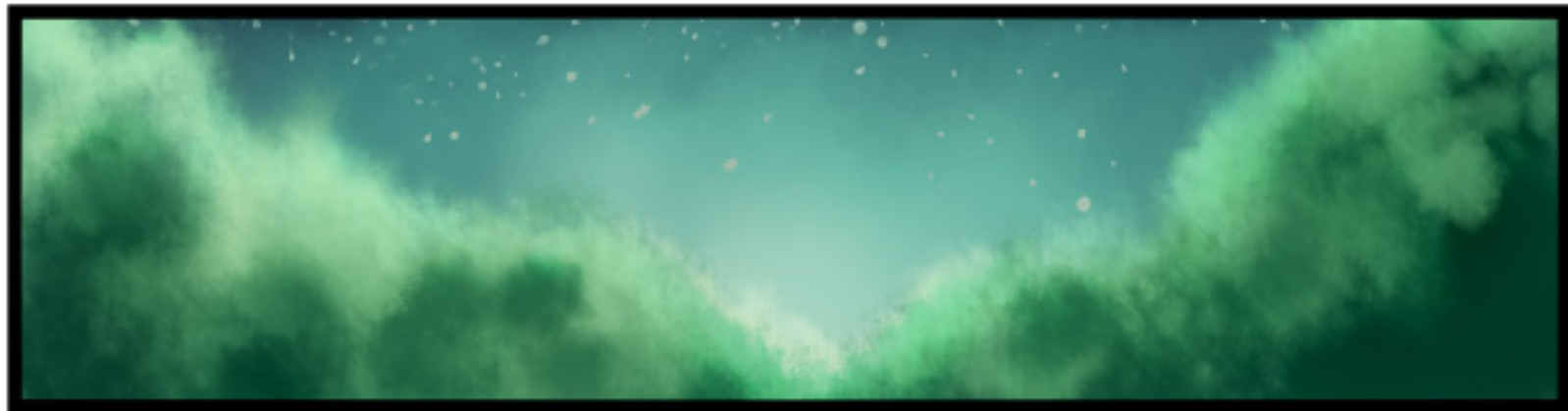
I SUPPOSE WE'LL  
NEVER KNOW.

BUT THAT'S WHAT  
BEING A WARRIOR IS  
ALL ABOUT.

ALWAYS BEING READY TO  
FIGHT, EVEN AT THE COST OF  
YOUR OWN LIFE.

I THOUGHT IT WAS  
ABOUT PROTECTING  
OTHERS.

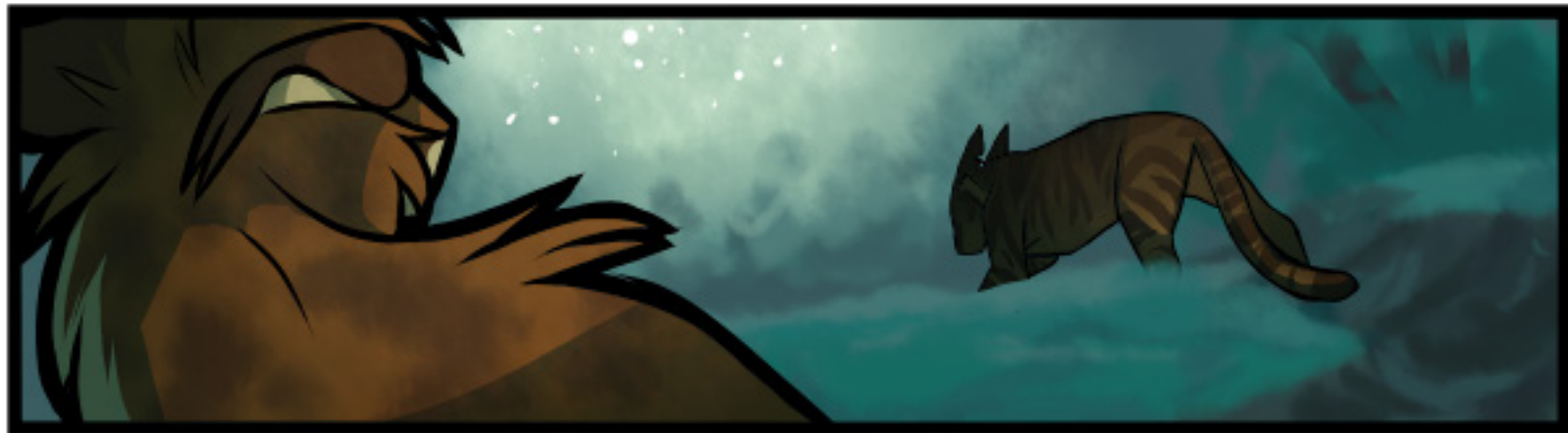




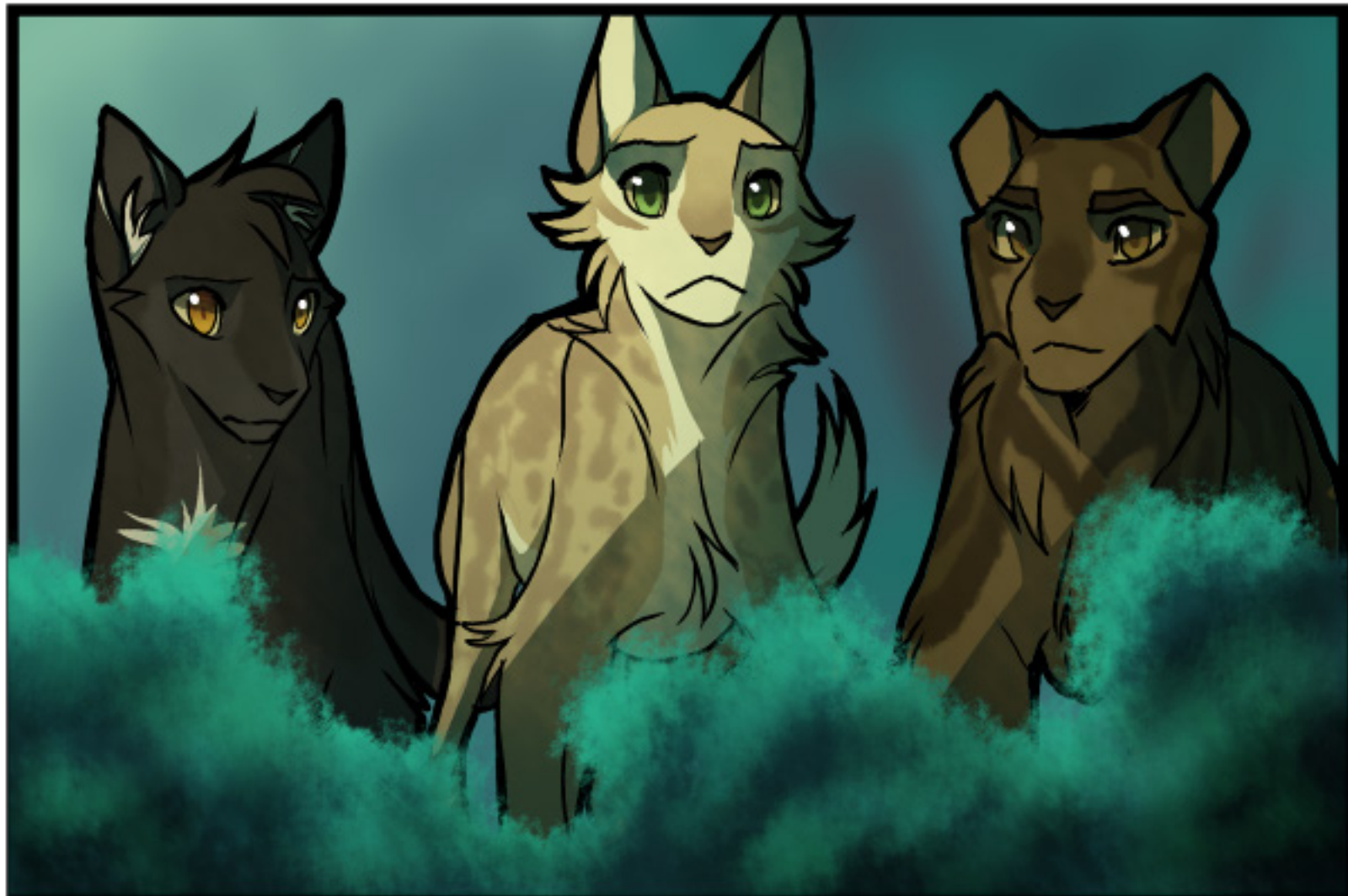




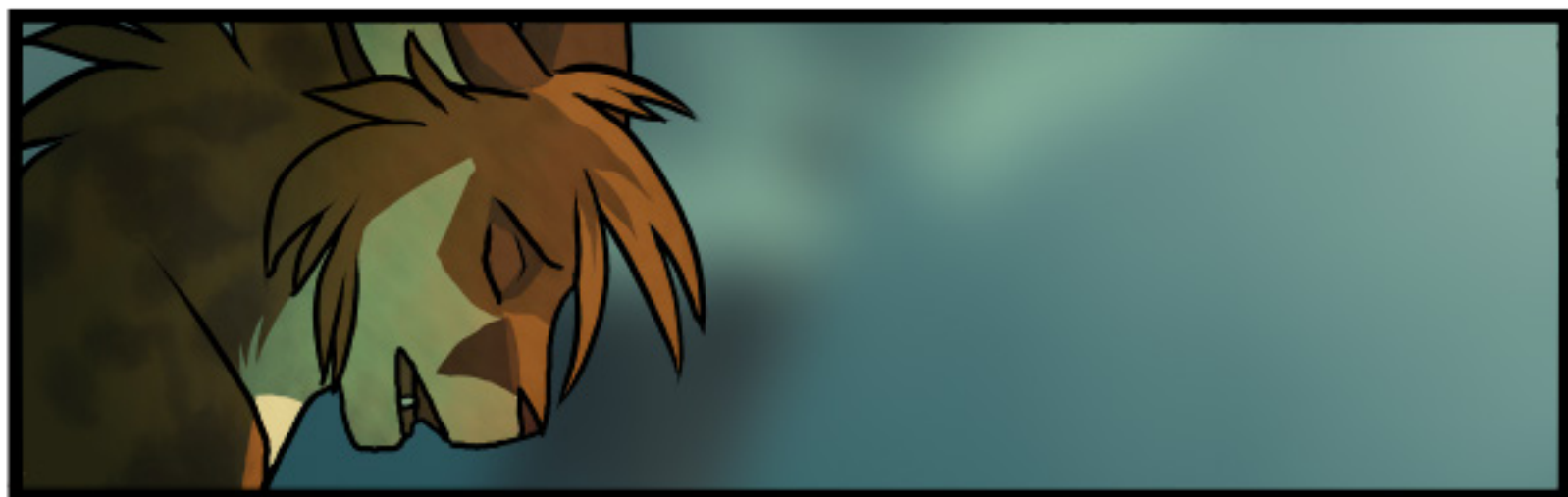
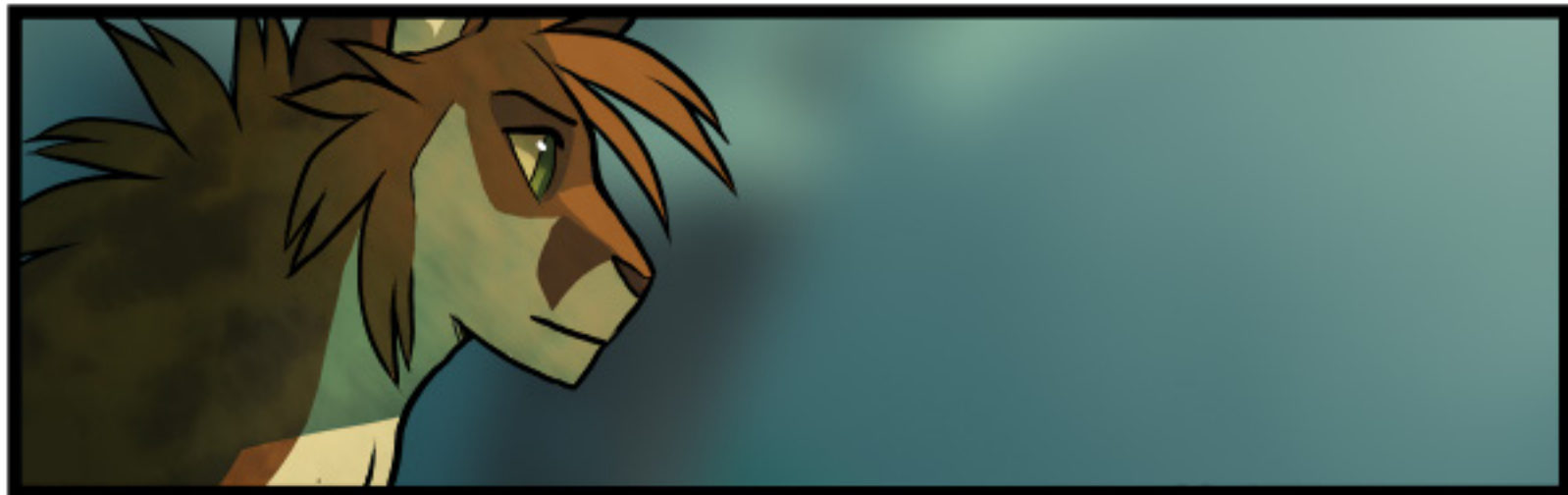














WE HAD TO RETREAT.

W-WAS ANYONE HURT?

NOT BADLY.

TIGERCLAW WILL  
HAVE A SCAR.

I....

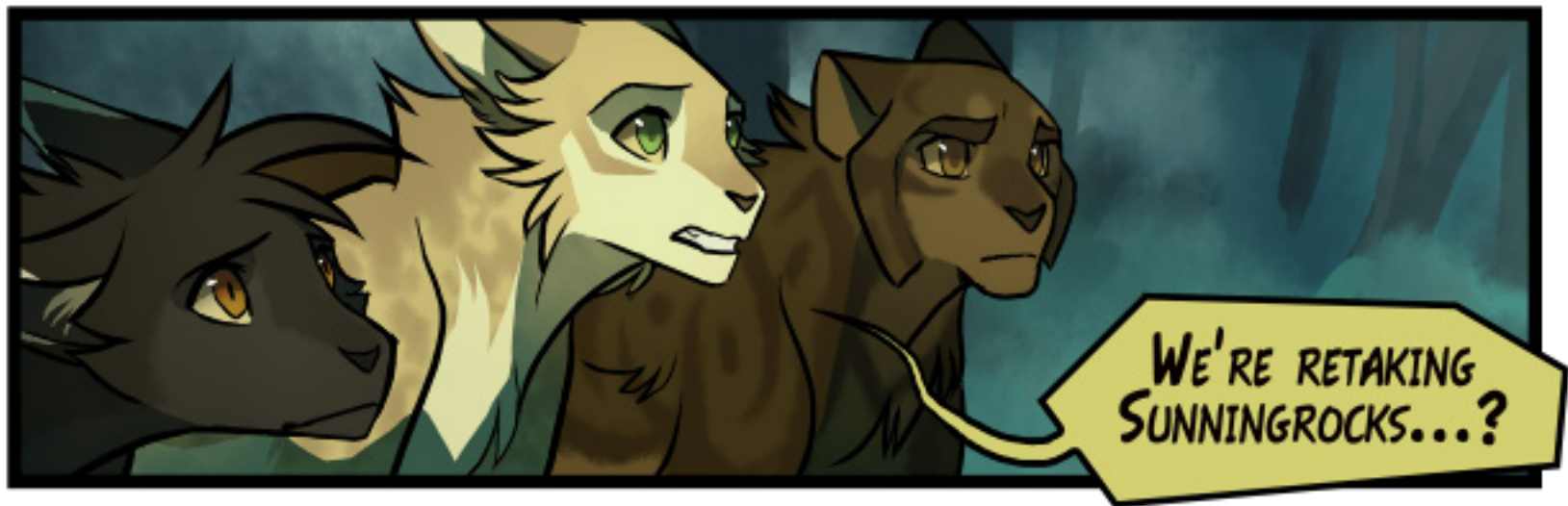
WE SAW HIM.

IS HE MAD...?

WE'RE ALL JUST TIRED.

BUT WE'LL FIGHT  
BACK HARDER NEXT  
TIME.









BUT WE SHOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO RECOVER FIRST. MAYBE ONE OF YOU WILL JOIN US IN THE BATTLE.



YEAH! I'LL CHASE THOSE FISH-BREATHS OFF OUR LAND EASY!



NO CHANCE. HE'LL BE FAR TOO YOUNG.

GRAYKIT WILL BE APPRENTICED SOON, WOULD HE BE COMING?

YEEEEEE!

DON'T BE SO EXCITED!



**GRAYPAW!**

**GRAYPAW!**

**GRAYPAW!**











REDTAIL!



OH.

HEY, LIONHEART!



CARE TO JOIN US  
SHOWING YOUNG GRAYPAW  
AROUND THE TERRITORY?

YOUR APPRENTICES  
SEEM EAGER TO COME.



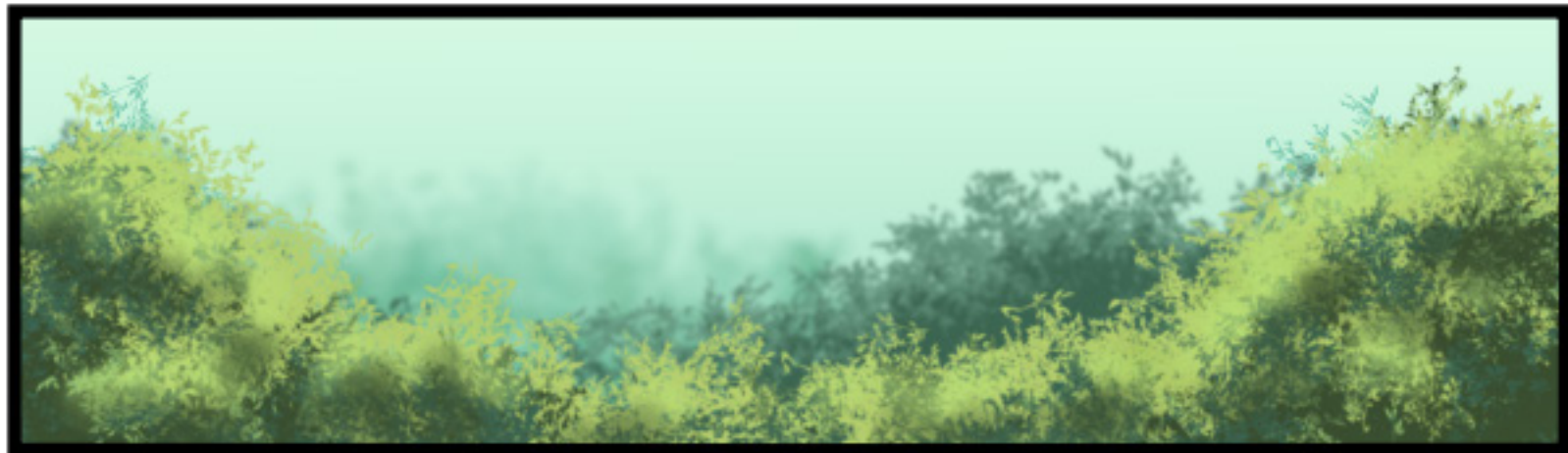
GLADLY.

I'D LOVE TO!









**SLOW DOWN,  
YOUNG GRAYPAW!**



**THERE'S  
NO RUSH!**





I MISS HAVING  
THAT KIND OF ENERGY.

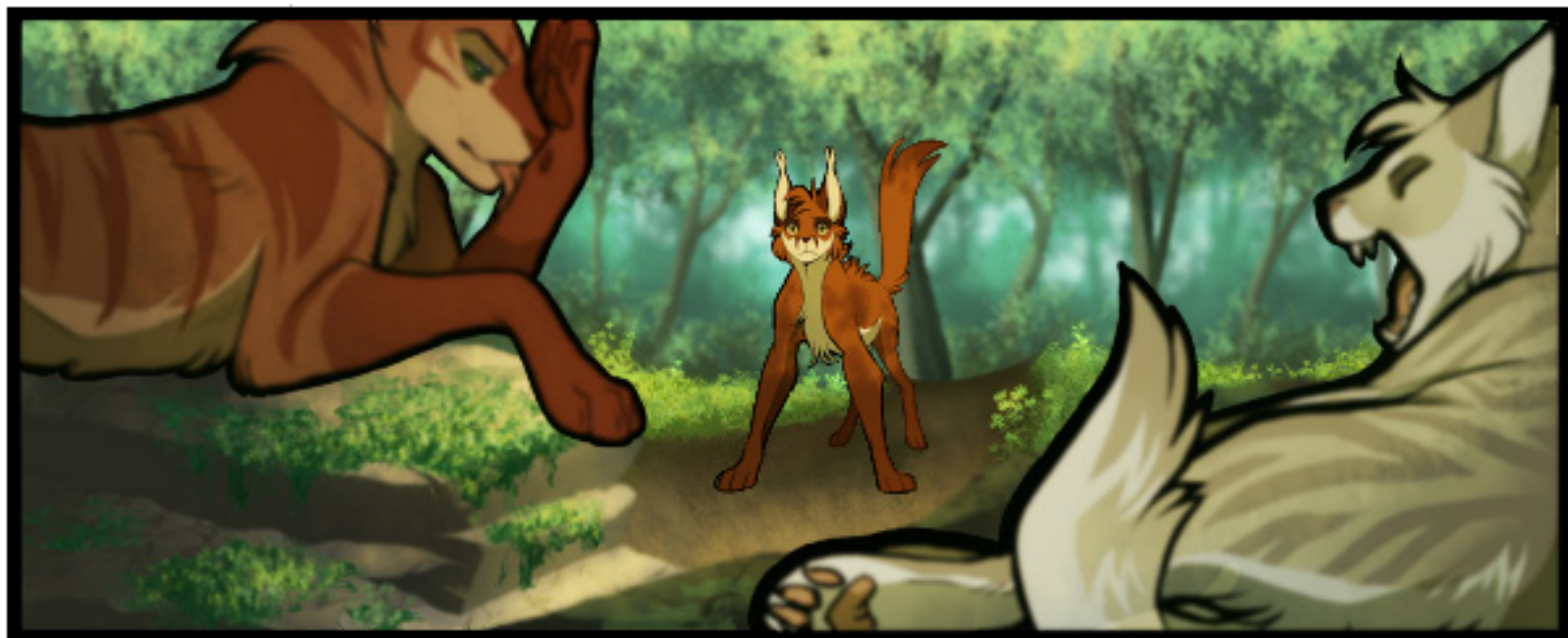


HEY, I SMELL SOMETHING  
FUNNY THIS WAY!



I THINK IT'S OTHER CATS!









NICE TO SEE WHAT FAILURE  
LOOKS LIKE UP CLOSE!



HOW DARE YOU!

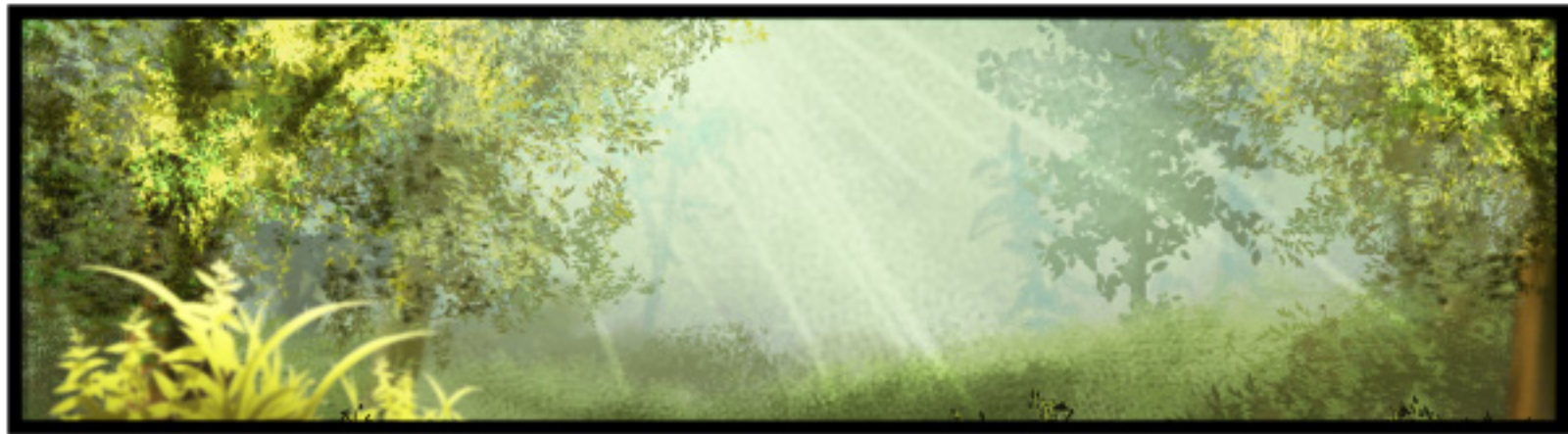
WE'LL TEACH YOU--



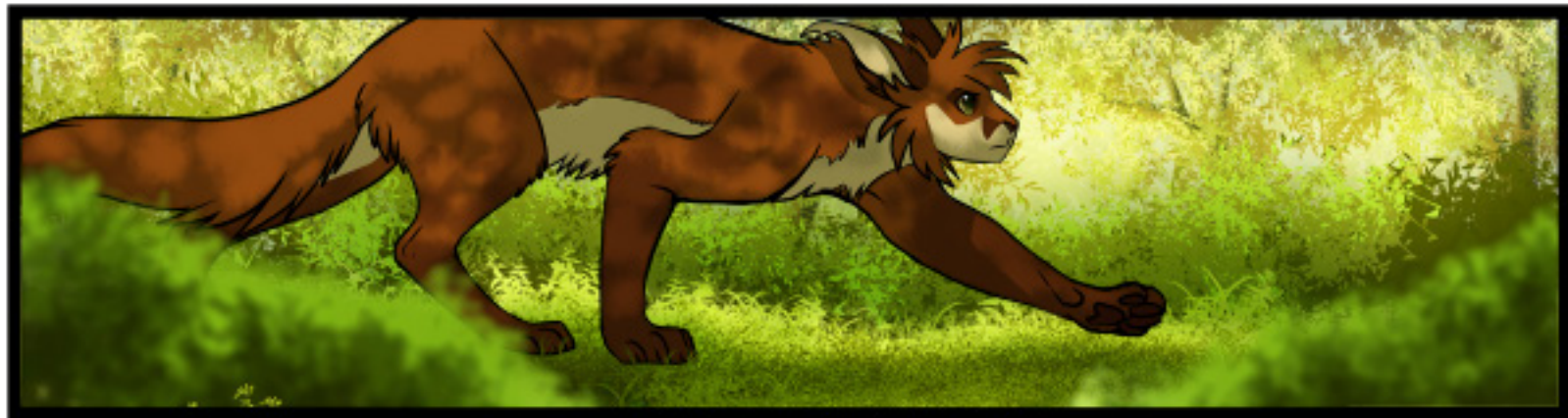












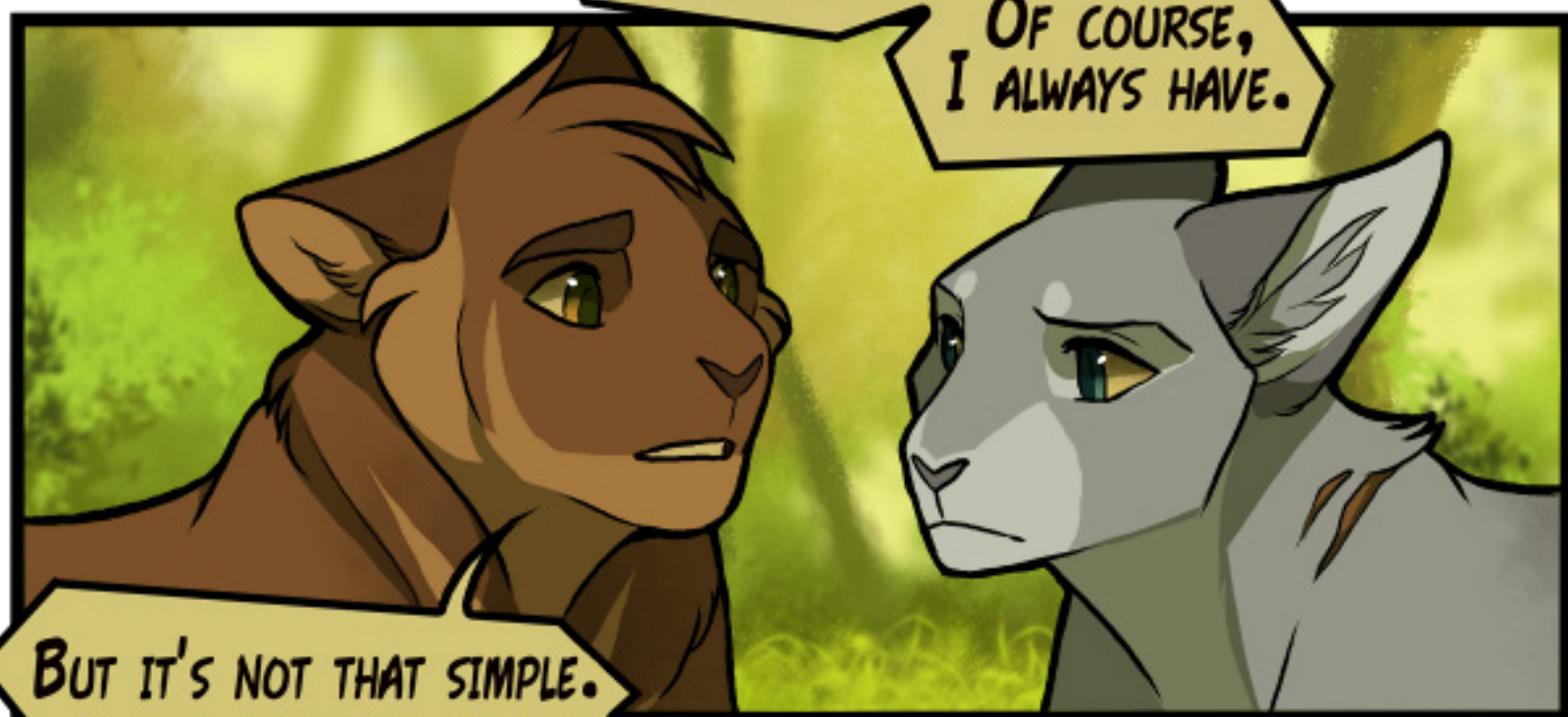












IT NEVER HAS BEEN,  
AND WE BOTH KNOW IT.

...I KNOW.





BUT I WILL TAKE  
THIS LAND BACK.



DON'T THINK IT  
YOURS FOREVER.

I WOULDN'T HAVE  
IT ANY OTHER WAY.











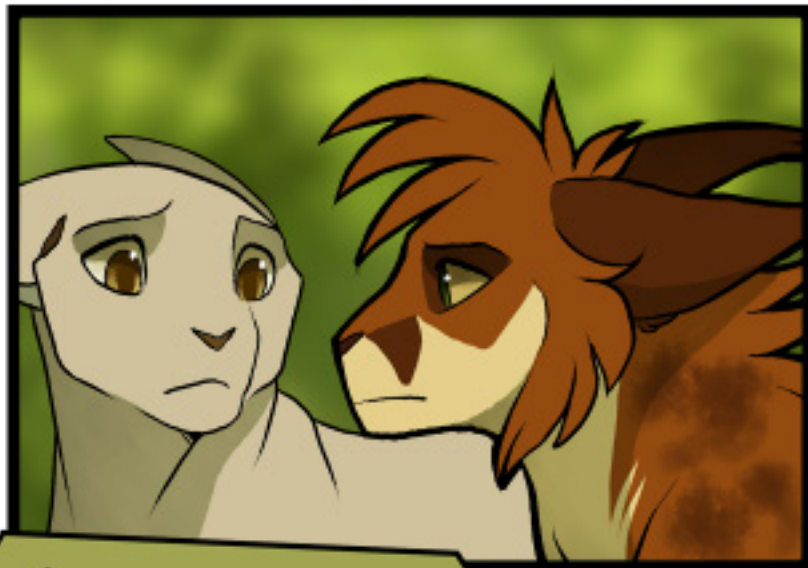




















WILLOWPELT.

SPOTTEDLEAF.



HEY, GUYS.


HOW IS THE PATROL?



IS GRAYPAW  
DOING WELL?

ABSOLUTELY.



A grey cat with blue eyes and a brown cat with orange fur are standing in a grassy forest. The grey cat is on the left, looking towards the brown cat on the right.


WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE?

A white cat with a grey patch on its back and a brown cat with orange fur are standing in a grassy forest. The white cat is on the left, looking towards the brown cat on the right.


I NEEDED TO GATHER  
HERBS AND WILLOWPELT CAME  
AS MY BODYGUARD.

A grey cat with blue eyes and a brown cat with orange fur are standing in a grassy forest. The grey cat is on the left, looking towards the brown cat on the right.

MIND IF WE STEAL  
OUR BROTHER?

A grey cat with blue eyes and a brown cat with orange fur are standing in a grassy forest. The grey cat is on the left, looking towards the brown cat on the right.

ONLY IF  
I CAN COME.

A group of cats are standing in a grassy forest. A brown cat with orange fur is on the left, looking towards a larger brown cat on the right. In the background, there are three other cats: a brown one, a grey one, and a white one.

LIONHEART, THINK  
YOU CAN HANDLE THE  
APPRENTICES?

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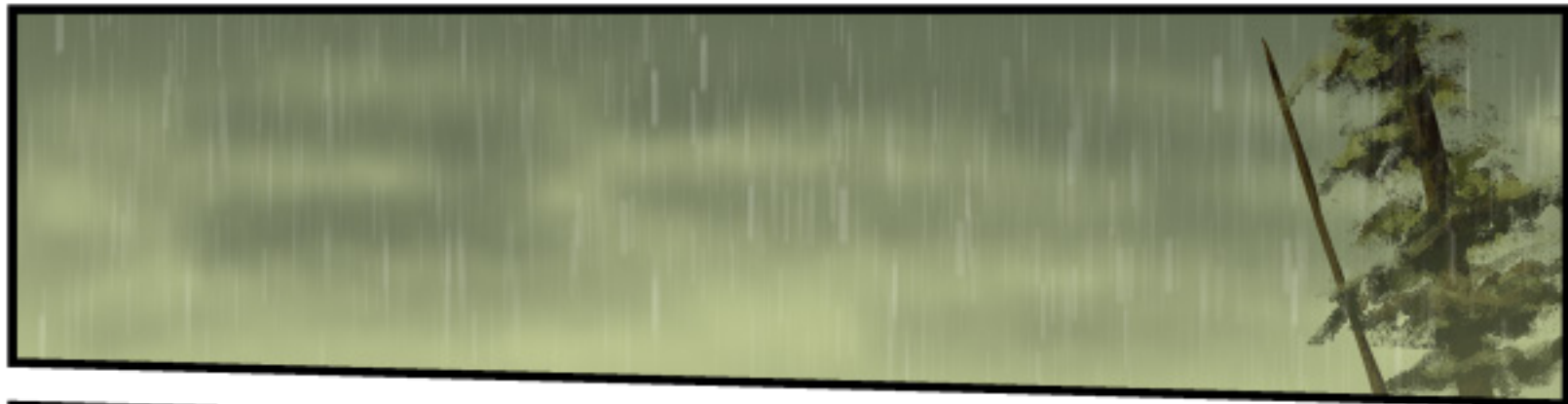
CERTAINLY.

A group of cats are standing in a grassy forest. A brown cat with orange fur is on the left, looking towards a larger brown cat on the right. In the background, there are three other cats: a brown one, a grey one, and a white one.

WE'LL MEET YOU  
BACK AT CAMP.







**TIGERCLAW MUST  
BE ON HIS PATROL  
BY NOW.**





A scene in a forest with three cats. On the left, a small tabby cat with blue eyes asks a question. In the center, a light gray cat with yellow eyes looks on. On the right, a large brown cat with yellow eyes responds.


SO GRAYPAW  
IS DOING WELL?

HE'LL BE A GREAT  
WARRIOR ONE DAY.

YOU MUST BE PROUD.

A close-up of the small tabby cat with blue eyes, looking slightly away with a nervous expression.

WHAT'S ON  
YOUR MIND?

A light gray cat with yellow eyes is shown from the side, looking back over its shoulder towards the other cats.

ARE YOU SURE  
WE HAVE TO ATTACK  
RIVERCLAN AGAIN?





...WILLOWPELT,  
WE NEED THAT  
TERRITORY.

WHY?

I JUST DON'T  
WANT TO FIGHT A  
NEEDLESS BATTLE.



DON'T GET ME WRONG.  
I WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH  
TO DEFEND THIS CLAN.

BUT AFTER LAST TIME...











GRAYPAW'S FATHER  
ISN'T A THUNDERCLAN  
CAT, IS HE?



...NO.





I PROMISE WE  
BROKE IT OFF!

STONEFUR--









DON'T TELL  
BLUESTAR.






















A close-up of three cats. On the left is a ginger cat with yellow eyes. In the center is a ginger cat with green eyes and a white muzzle. On the right is a light gray cat with yellow eyes. They all have serious expressions.

BLUESTAR AND  
LIONHEART ARE HERE.

A close-up of three cats. On the left is a light gray cat with green eyes. In the center is a ginger cat with yellow eyes. On the right is a ginger cat with green eyes and a white muzzle. They all have serious expressions.

BUT I SMELL  
GRAYPAW, WHAT  
IF HE--

A close-up of three cats. On the left is a light gray cat with green eyes. In the center is a ginger cat with yellow eyes. On the right is a ginger cat with green eyes and a white muzzle. They all have serious expressions.

IF HE'S A THREAT,  
THEY'LL HANDLE IT.

A close-up of three cats. On the left is a light gray cat with green eyes. In the center is a ginger cat with yellow eyes. On the right is a ginger cat with green eyes and a white muzzle. They all have serious expressions.

THEN HE'LL GET SOME  
BATTLE PRACTICE IN.

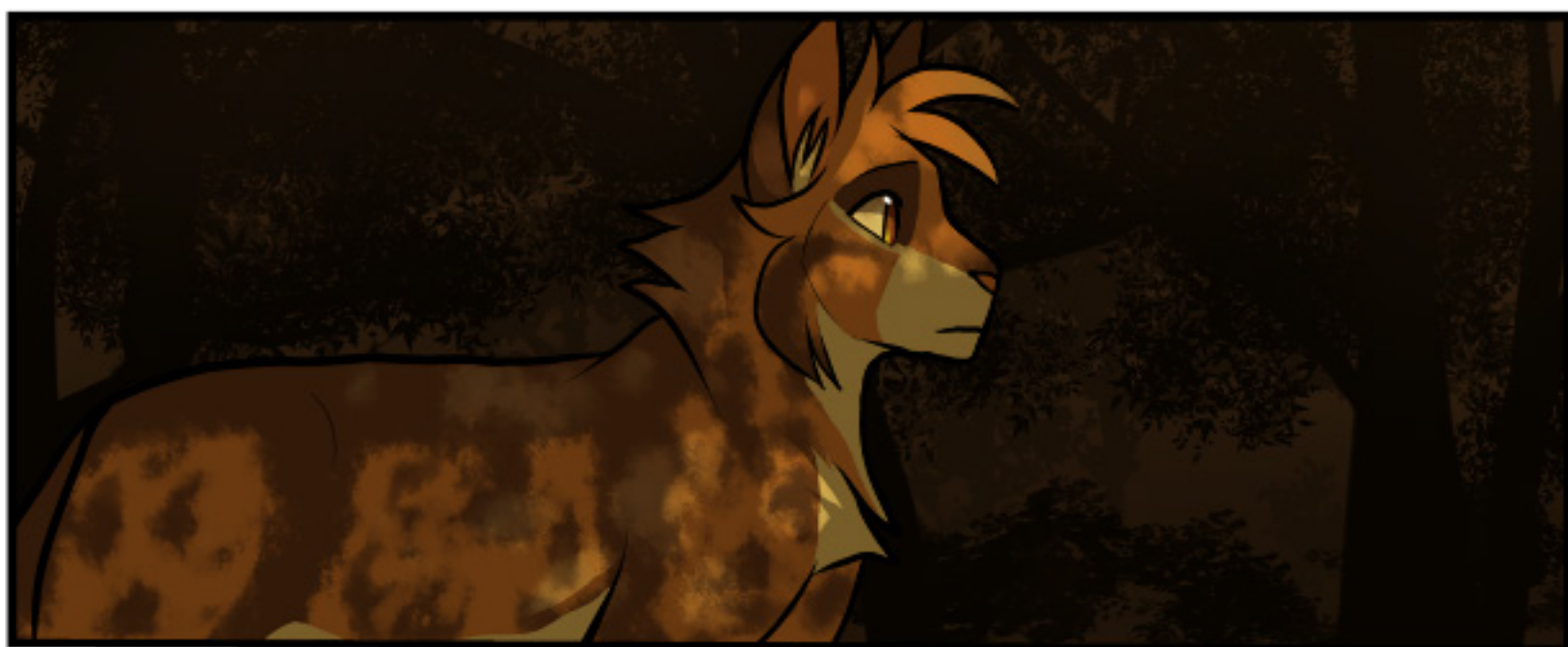
A close-up of three cats. On the left is a light gray cat with green eyes. In the center is a ginger cat with yellow eyes. On the right is a ginger cat with green eyes and a white muzzle. They all have serious expressions.

HE'S JUST  
A KIT, REDTAIL.  
YOUNGER EVEN  
THAN SANDPAW.

A wide shot showing a small ginger cat running away from two larger cats. On the left is a large light gray cat with yellow eyes. On the right is a large ginger cat with green eyes. The small cat is running towards the background.

LEAVE HIM BE.







## THE KITTYPET?



BLUESTAR, ARE  
YOU SURE?

HE MAY BE JUST  
ANOTHER MOUTH  
TO FEED.



HE IS CAPABLE.

HE'LL BE HERE  
TODAY AT SUNHIGH,  
IF HE SO CHOOSES.

I TRUST YOU WILL  
HELP JUDGE HIS  
POTENTIAL.














ARE YOU NERVOUS  
ABOUT THE BATTLE?

OF COURSE. BUT  
IT HAS TO BE DONE.



WHITESTORM, I TRUST  
YOU TO DEAL WITH THE  
KITTYPET.

YES, MY  
DEPUTY.




I'LL ASSESS HIM MYSELF  
WHEN I GET BACK.










WON'T THAT TAKE  
A LOT OF WARRIORS?



NOT AT ALL. RIVERCLAN WILL BE  
ARROGANT. I'M CONFIDENT  
WE ONLY NEED A FEW  
WARRIORS.



BUT WE'RE BRINGING  
RAVENPAW.



WHAT?!





HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE  
HE WILL HANDLE BATTLE?



I HOPE HE WON'T  
HAVE TO GET INVOLVED.


BUT--







THIS CONVERSATION  
DOES NOT CONCERN YOU.



YES, IT DOES!




REDTAIL, WE'RE  
READY FOR THIS.  
WE CAN DO IT,  
WE CAN HELP!

IT ISN'T  
ABOUT THAT.

I NEED YOU  
AT CAMP IN CASE--

IN CASE  
WHAT?!




THE OTHER CLANS  
WON'T ATTACK OUR CAMP!









YOU'VE BOTH DONE  
MORE THAN ENOUGH.

YOU'VE BEEN  
INCREDIBLE.

I'M SORRY FOR  
EVER DOUBTING THAT.




YOU'VE MORE THAN  
EARNED YOUR RIGHT TO THE  
NEXT GATHERING.

I DON'T WANT TO  
GO TO THE GATHERING!



I WANT TO HELP YOU!





YOU'RE THE BEST APPRENTICES  
A DEPUTY COULD ASK FOR.

BUT I CAN'T LET YOU DIE.



RAVENPAW IS COMING BECAUSE  
HE'S THE FASTEST. HE WILL BE OUR  
MESSENGER IF WE NEED IT.

YOU'LL SEE BATTLE EVENTUALLY.  
YOU NEED TO BE READY TO FIGHT,  
EVEN DIE, FOR YOUR CLAN.

YOUR COURAGE AND  
SPIRIT WILL BE NEEDED IN  
SERVICE TO YOUR CLAN.

BUT NOT TODAY.



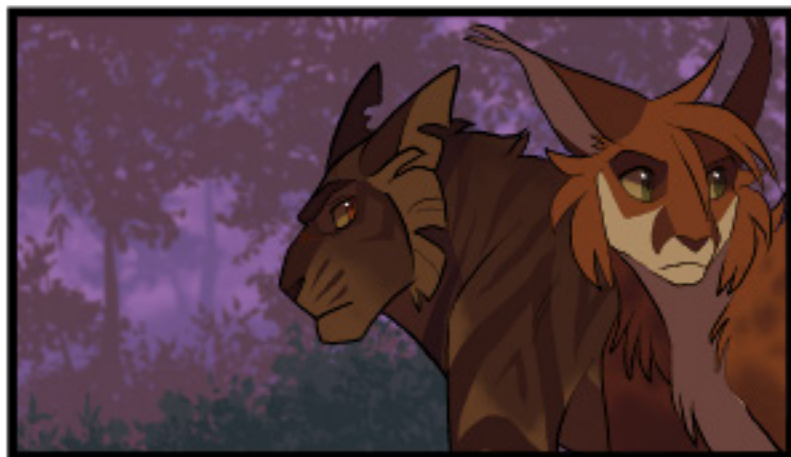












TAKE THE LEAD,  
TIGERCLAW.



I DID NOT BRING  
YOU TO QUESTION YOUR  
LOYALTIES.

I KNOW.



I NEED YOUR HELP.  
YOU ARE THE BACK UP.

WE PROBABLY WON'T  
NEED YOU, BUT IF WE DO...



I UNDERSTAND.



BE SAFE, BROTHER.

I WILL BE.





A tiger and a dark cat are looking at a brown cat who is speaking. The background is a purple, misty forest.

ARE YOU READY?


The brown cat is walking away from the tiger and dark cat. The background is the same purple, misty forest.

I THINK SO.

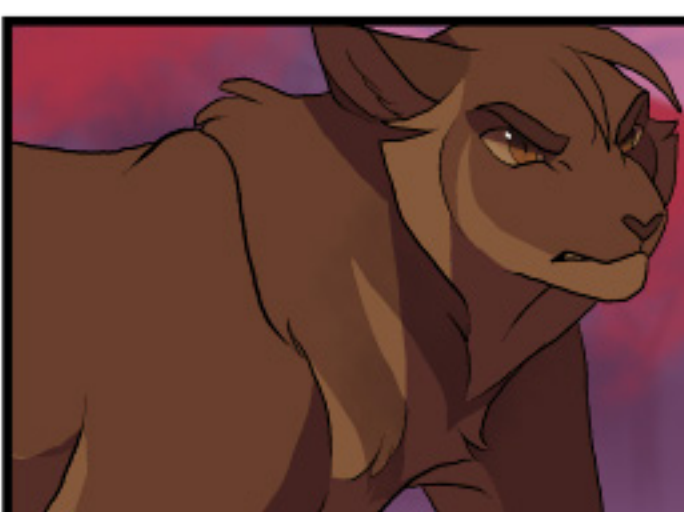
A group of cats, including the brown cat, the tiger, and the dark cat, are walking away from the viewer. The background is a purple, misty forest with red rocks.

THEN LET'S GO.






THIS IS YOUR  
LAST CHANCE.



THE NEXT RIVERCLAN  
WARRIOR FOUND ON THUNDERCLAN  
TERRITORY WILL BE KILLED.



WILL YOU SURRENDER  
SUNNINGROCKS WILLINGLY?



**NEVER.**

















**RUN, STONEFUR.**



**I'LL HANDLE  
THIS.**













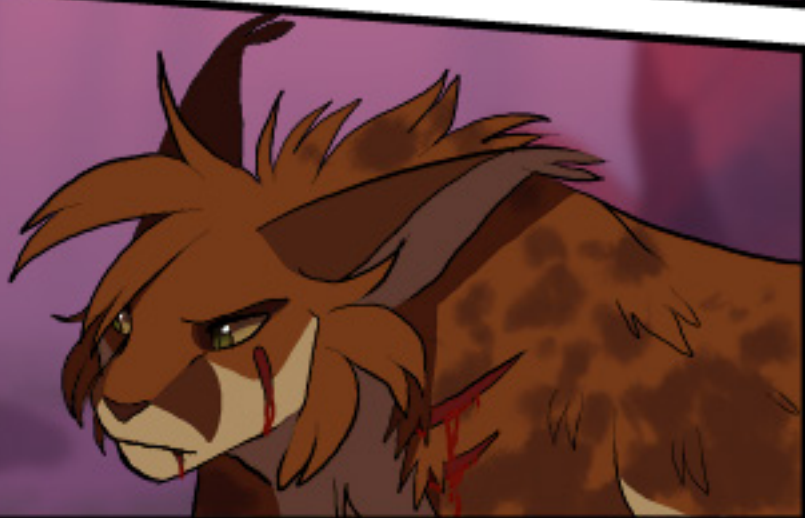


YOU KNOW...



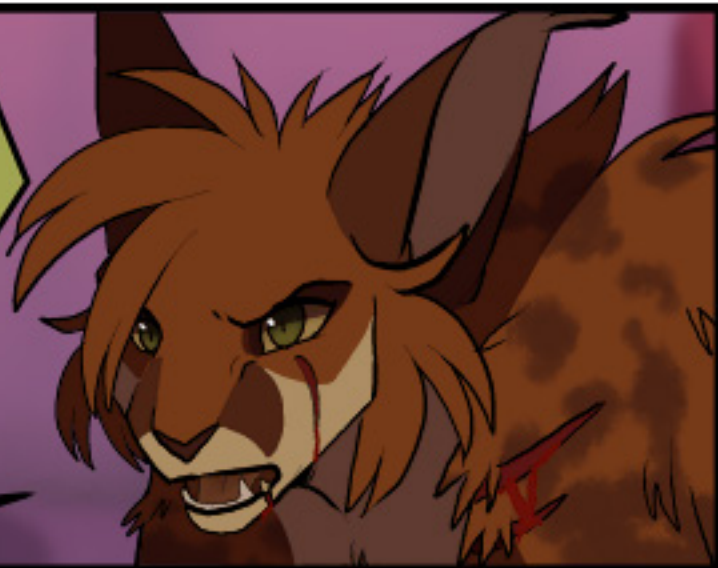
YOU KNOW NO  
THUNDERCLAN CAT SHOULD  
ATTACK THAT WARRIOR!

HOW COULD YOU?!

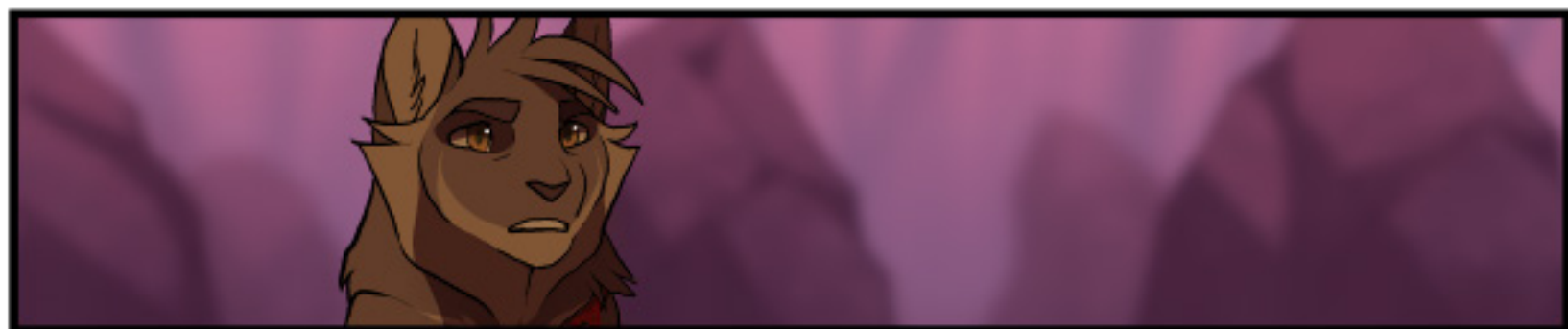
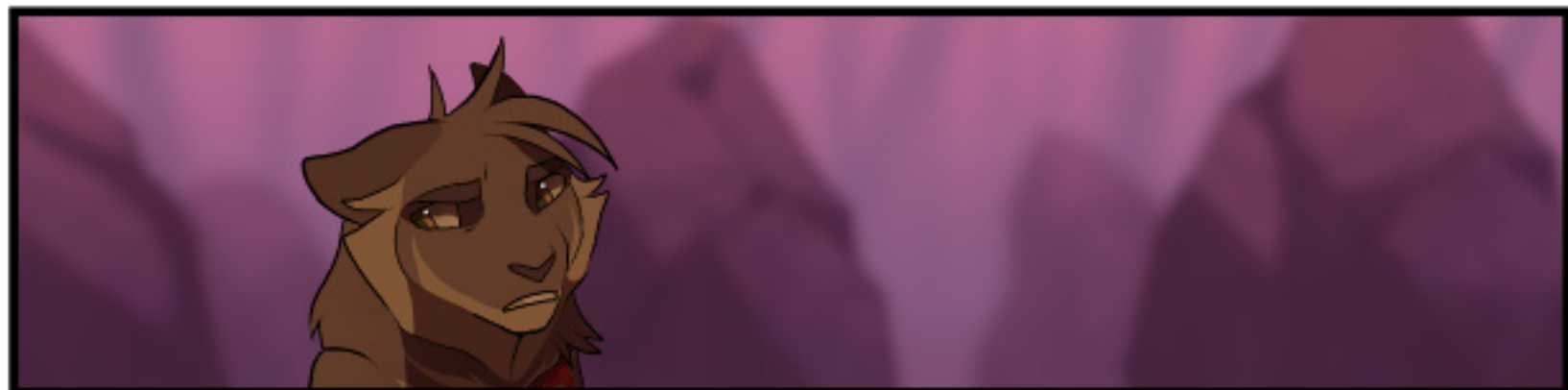


I HAVE TO PROTECT  
MY CLAN, OAKHEART.

I CAN'T MAKE AN  
EXCEPTION FOR YOUR  
SAKE.















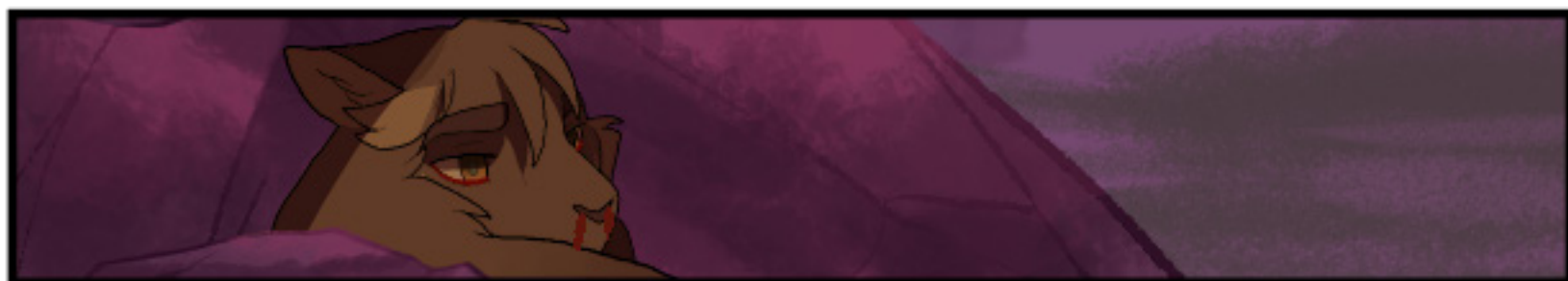
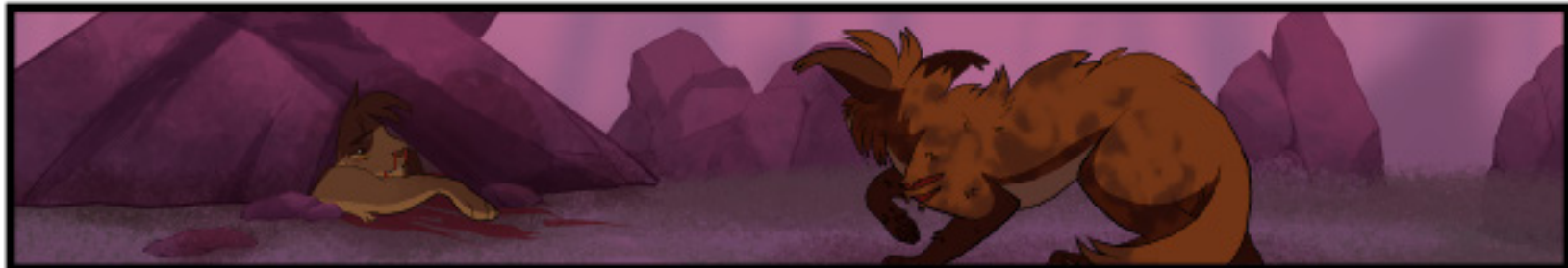




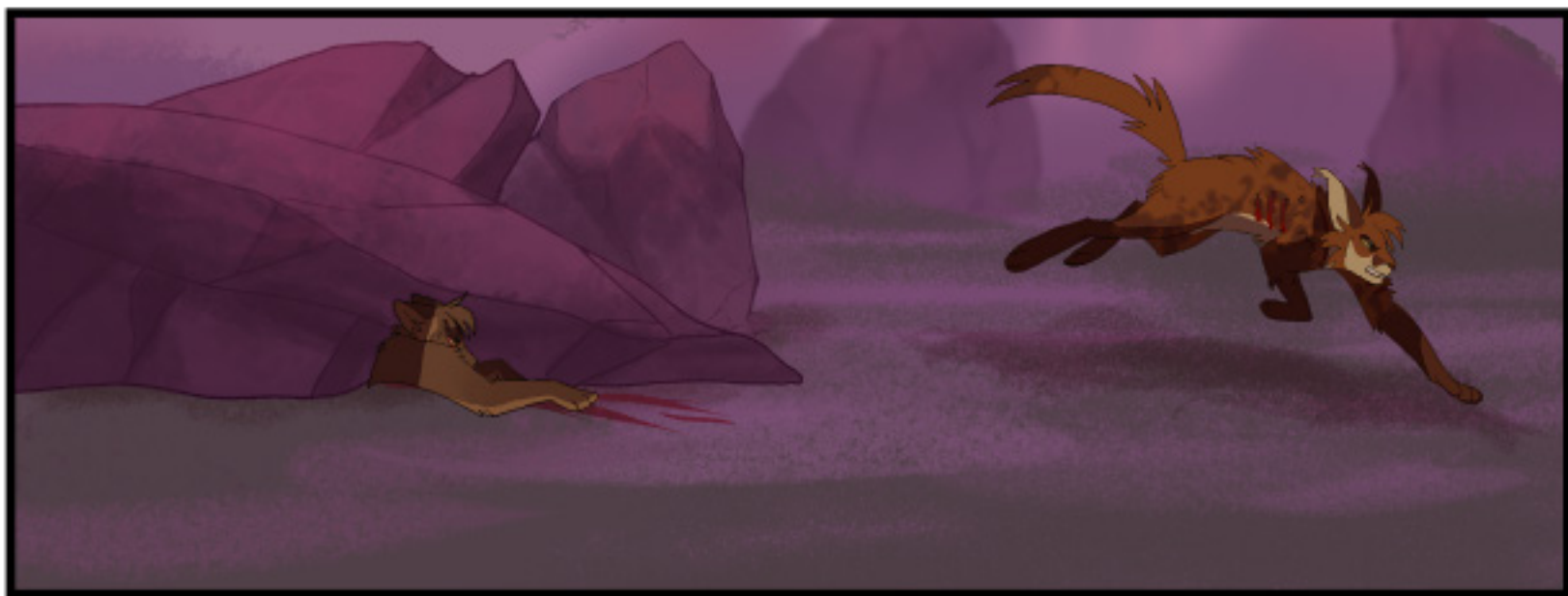


















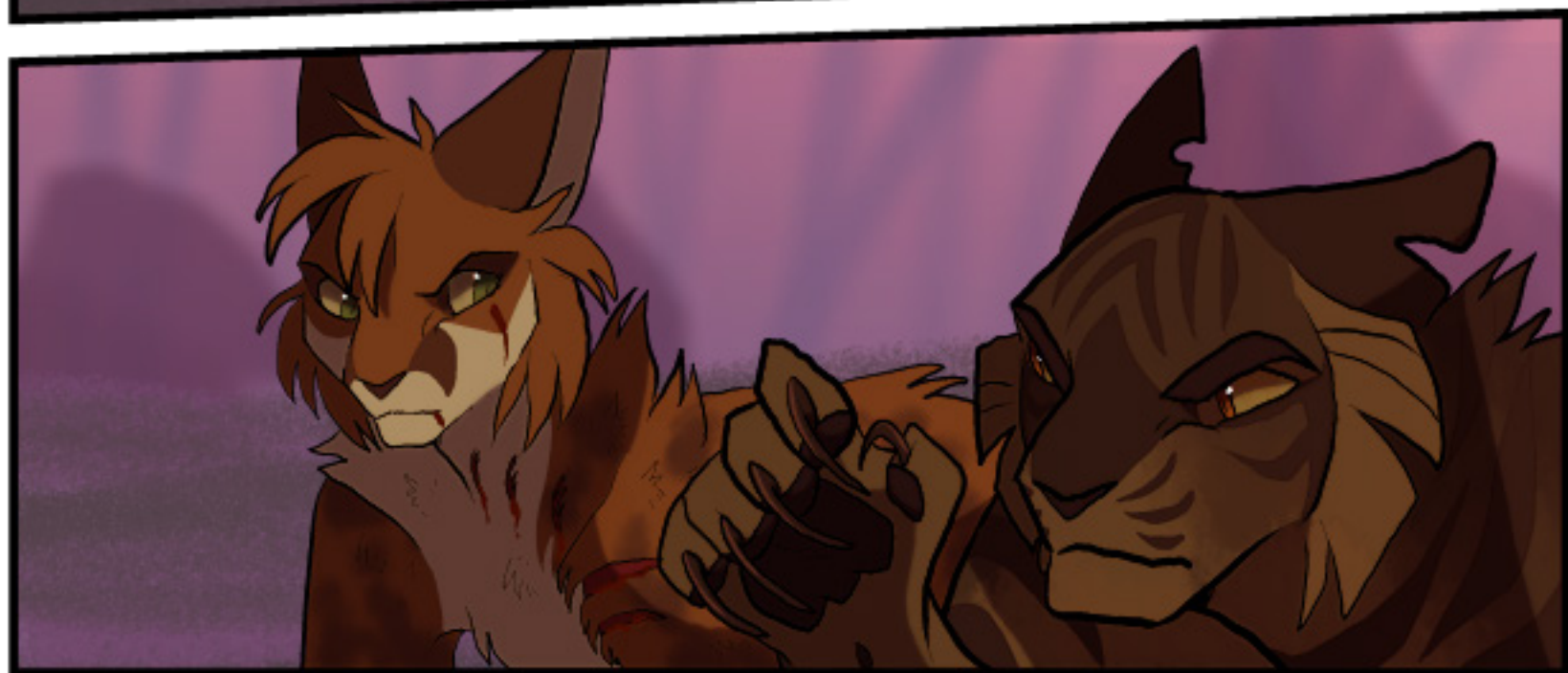


**OAKHEART  
IS DEAD!**

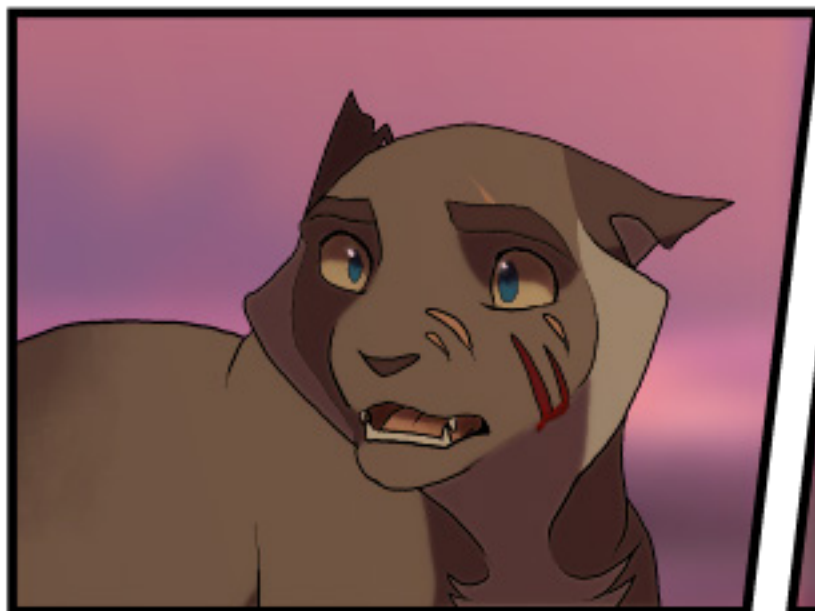
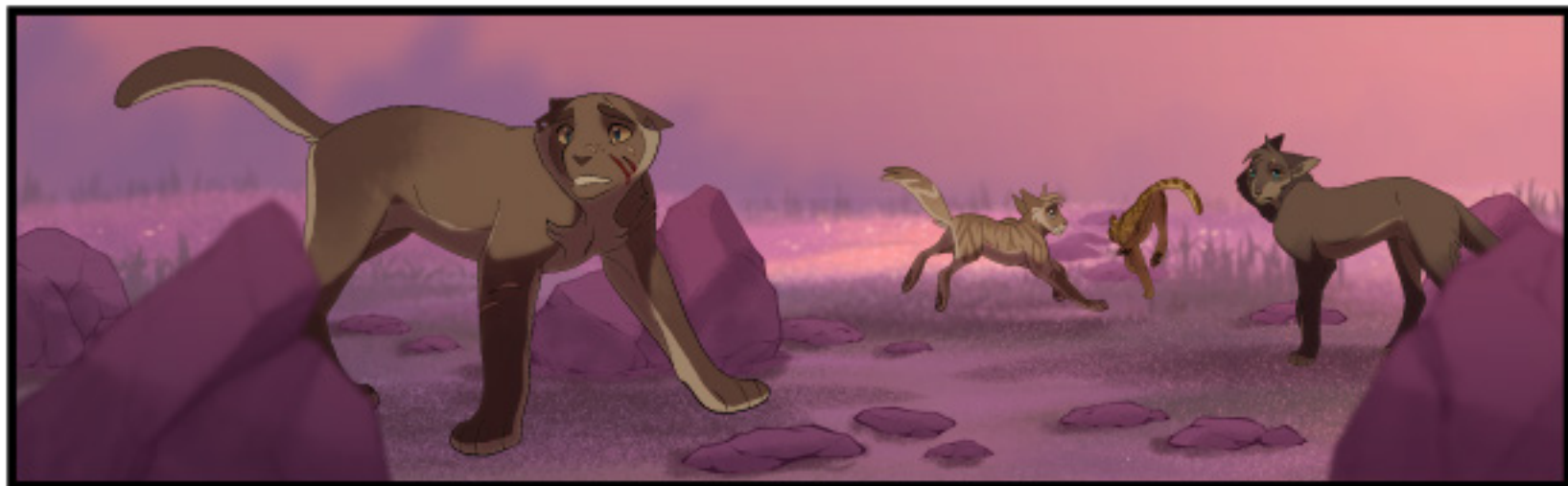
















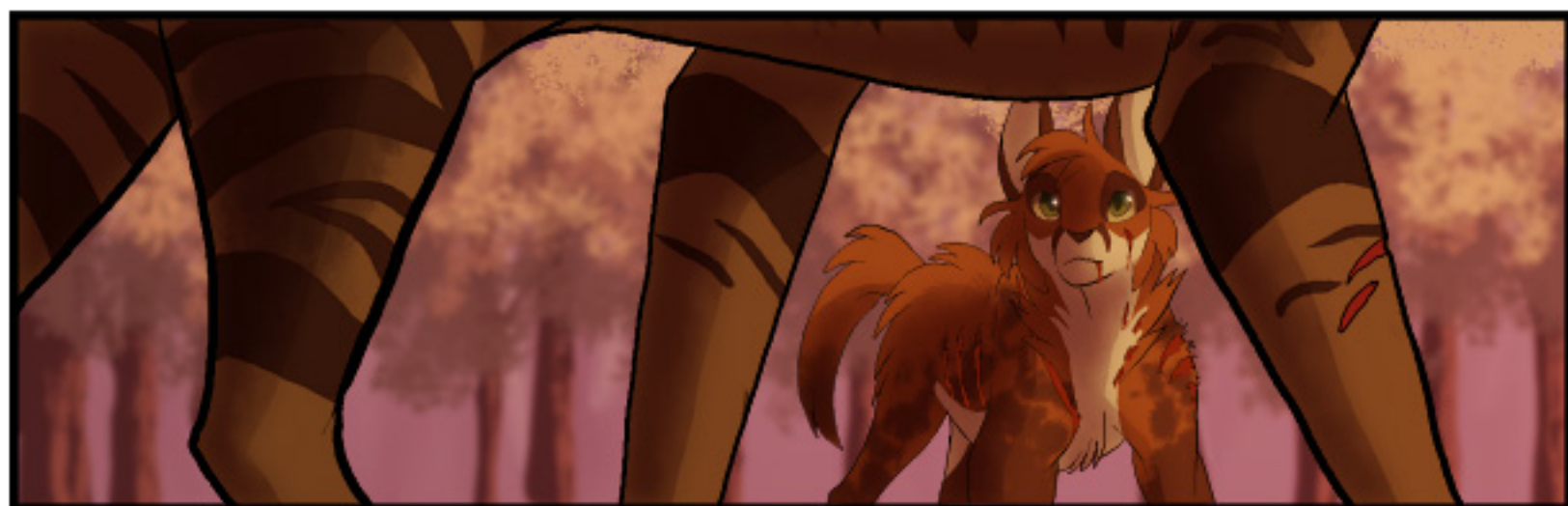

















I MUST SAVE THIS CLAN.

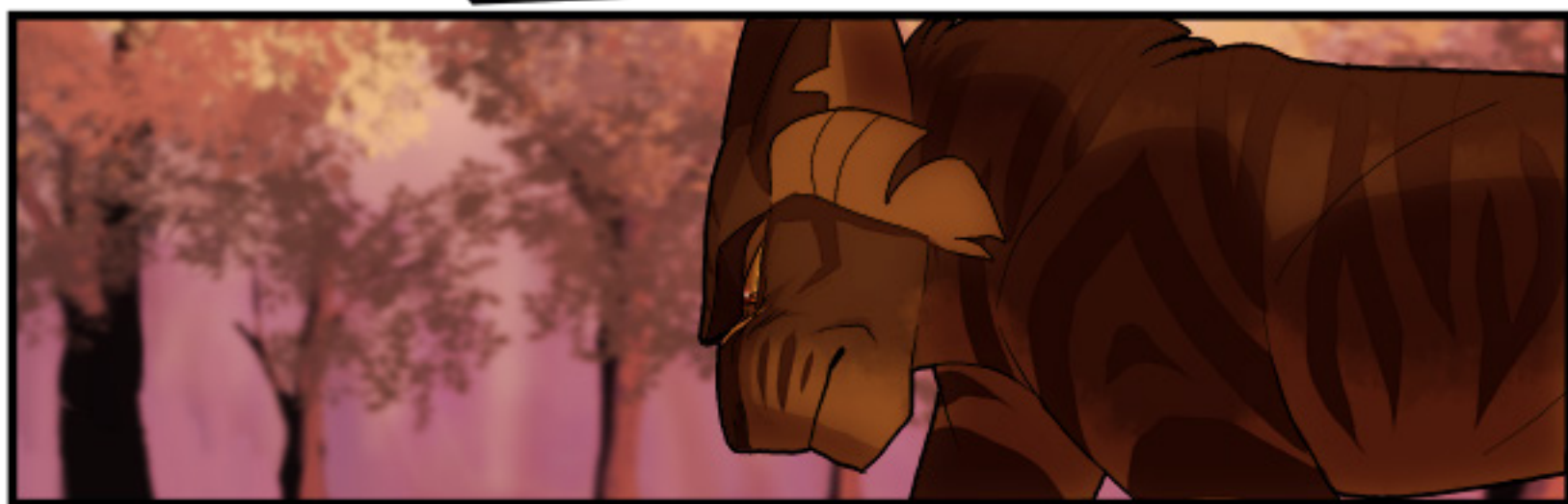


I MUST BECOME  
LEADER AND GUIDE US  
ON THE RIGHT PATH.



AND FOR THAT  
YOU MUST DIE.

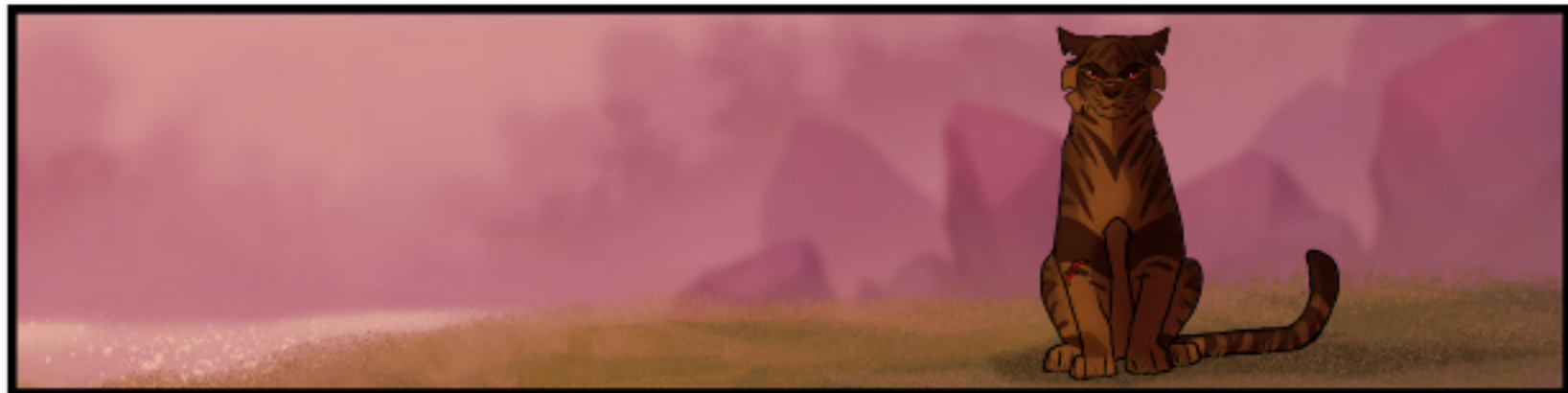
















I'LL BRING HER  
OUT TO YOU.

SHE'S A  
STRONG CAT.

YOU CAN LIVE  
OUT YOUR LIVES FAR  
AWAY FROM HERE.



OUT OF  
MY WAY.

I...



REDTAIL.

IF YOU STAY

IF YOU FIGHT



I CANNOT  
GUARANTEE HER  
SAFETY.

...YOU WOULDN'T.



**I WON'T KILL HER.**

**AS I SAID, SHE  
IS A STRONG CAT, WITH  
THE KIND OF COURAGE AND  
SPIRIT THIS CLAN NEEDS.**



**BUT I'LL NOT  
PROTECT HER, EITHER.**

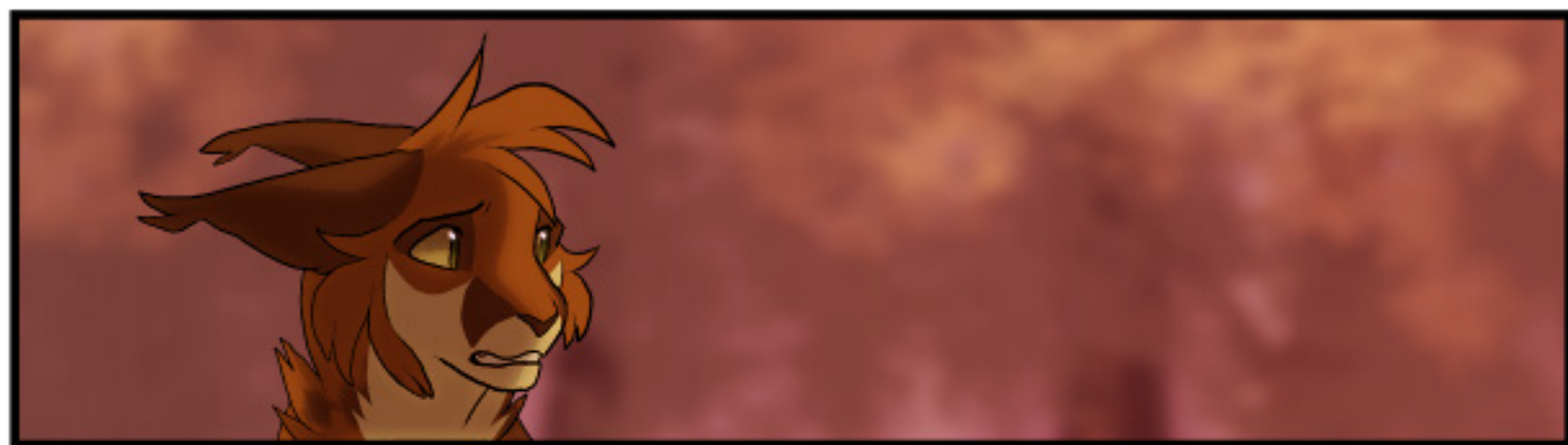
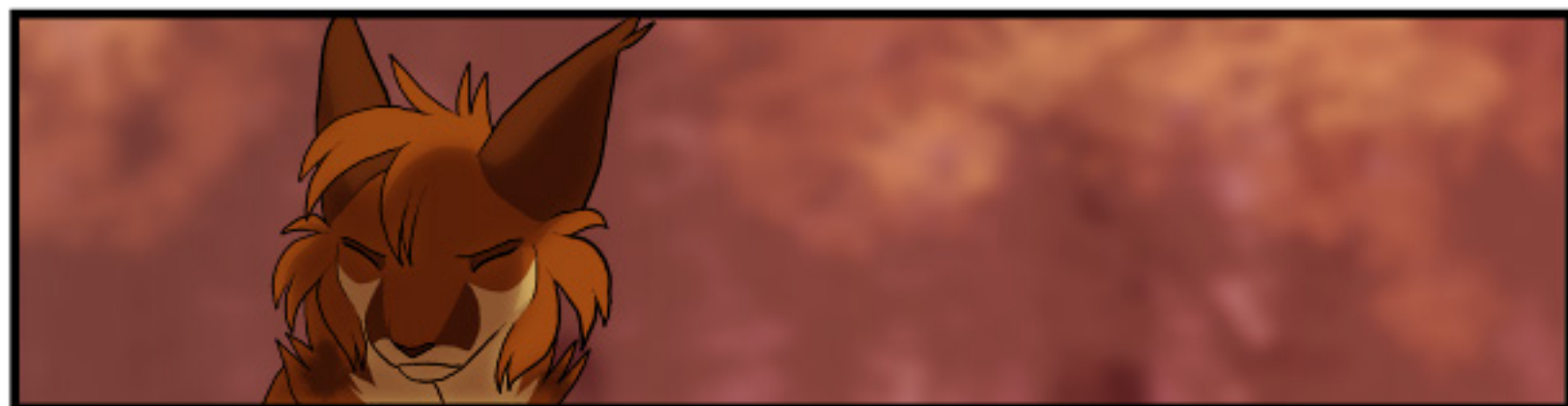
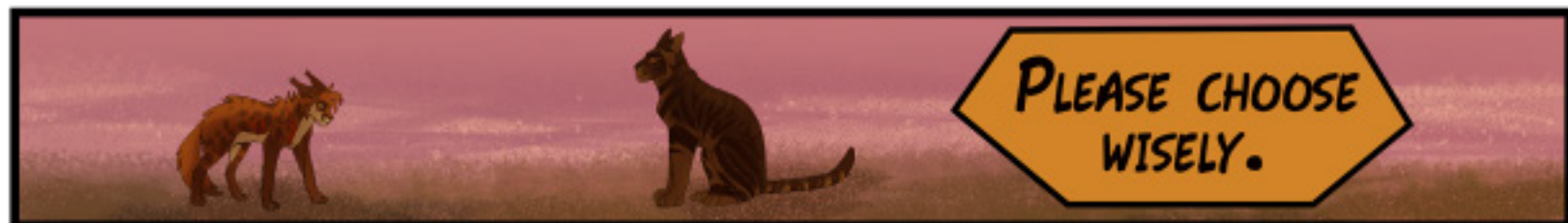
**AND THERE ARE  
DANGEROUS TIMES  
AHEAD.**



**A LONE APPRENTICE  
IS A DEAD APPRENTICE.**











...WHAT IF BLUESTAR  
APPOINTS SOMEONE ELSE  
DEPUTY?




TIGERCLAW.



WHAT ABOUT  
BLUESTAR?






...YOU CAN'T!

I DON'T  
WANT TO--

THEN DON'T!



I DON'T UNDERSTAND  
WHY YOU FEEL YOU HAVE  
TO DO THIS.



STARCLAN  
HAVE DECIDED  
MY FATE.





THEY'VE  
DETERMINED--



THEN STARCLAN  
ARE WRONG!







I'M NOT SAYING  
THIS FOR MY SAKE.  
BUT YOU'RE  
BETTER THAN THIS.



YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO--



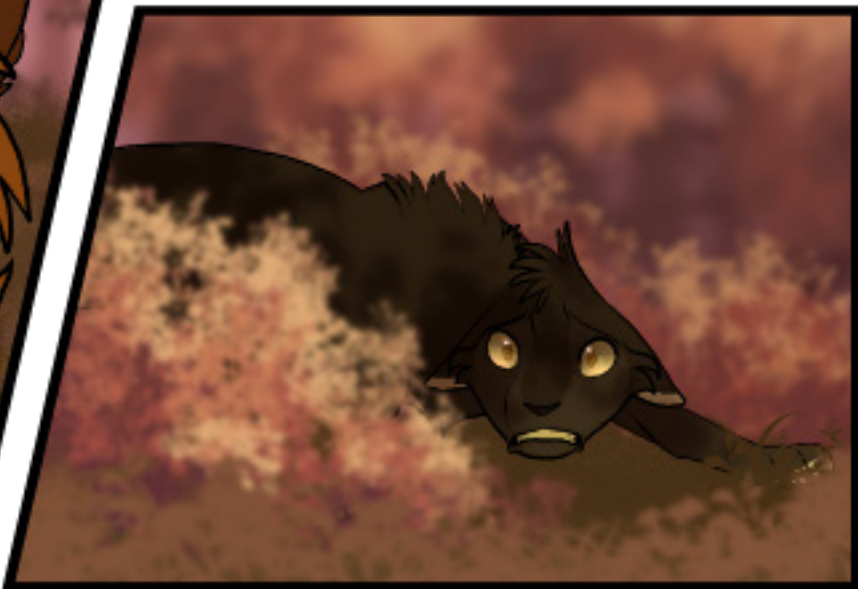
IS THIS  
YOUR CHOICE?























GREAT JOB!  
RAVENPAW!

YOU HAVE AN INCREDIBLE  
LEAP.

RAVENPAW

WE SHOULD  
CELEBRATE!

GREAT JOB!  
RAVENPAW!

RAVENPAW

RU-







WE M-MET FIVE RIVERCLAN  
WARRIORS AT SUNNINGROCKS.

OAKHEART WAS AMONG THEM.



OAK... OAKHEART WOULD  
NOT BACK DOWN.

...HE'S JOKING, RIGHT?

THE FIGHTING WAS  
VICIOUS.



I SAW OAKHEART  
HAD REDTAIL PINNED  
TO THE GROUND.

BUT THEN REDTAIL...

...WHITESTORM?



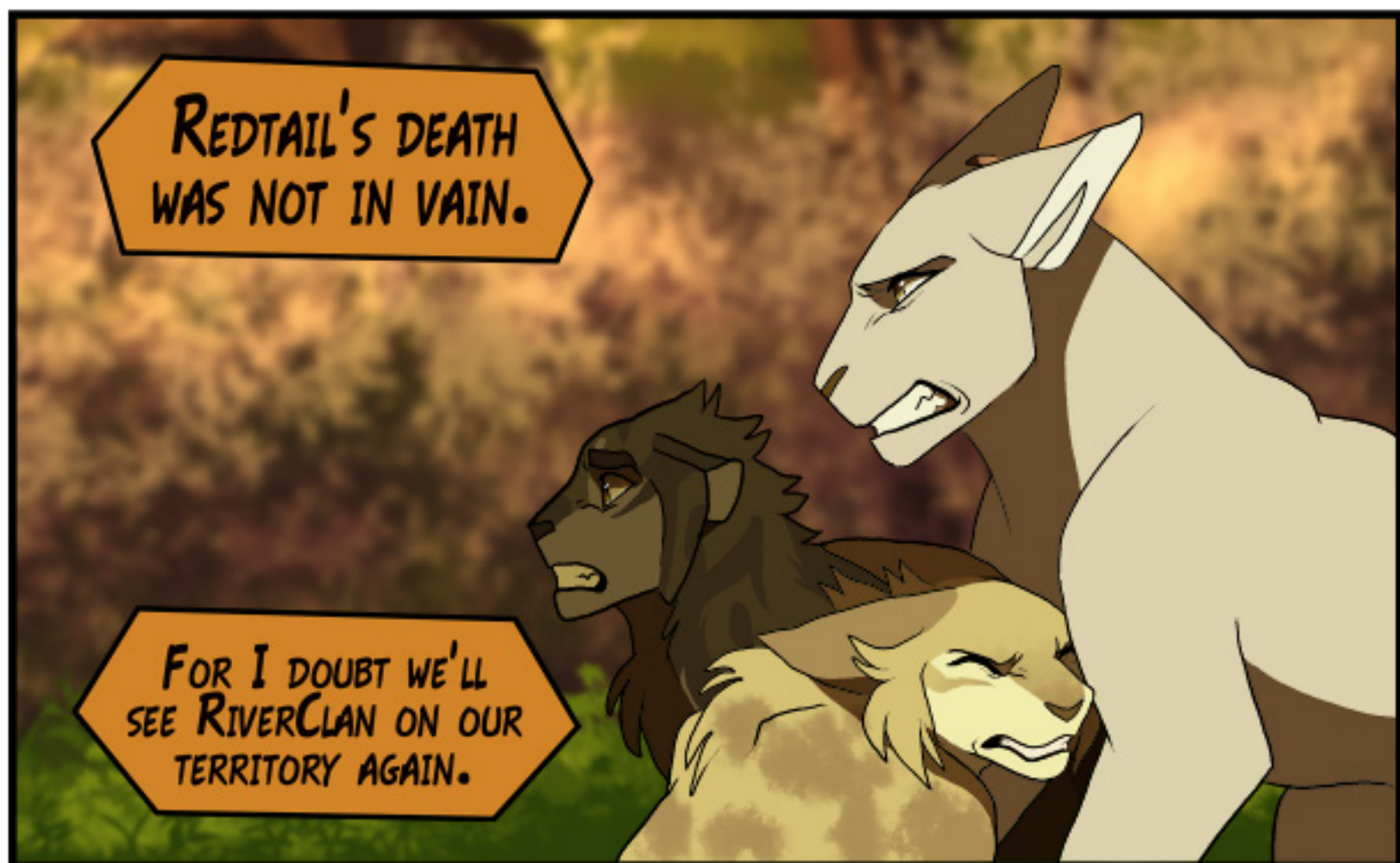












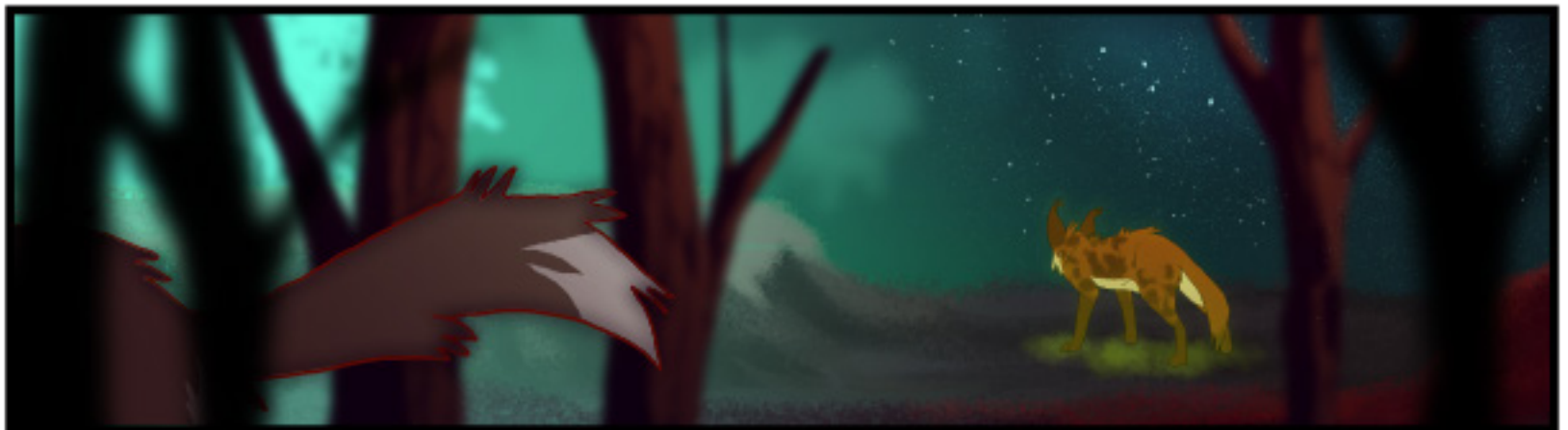
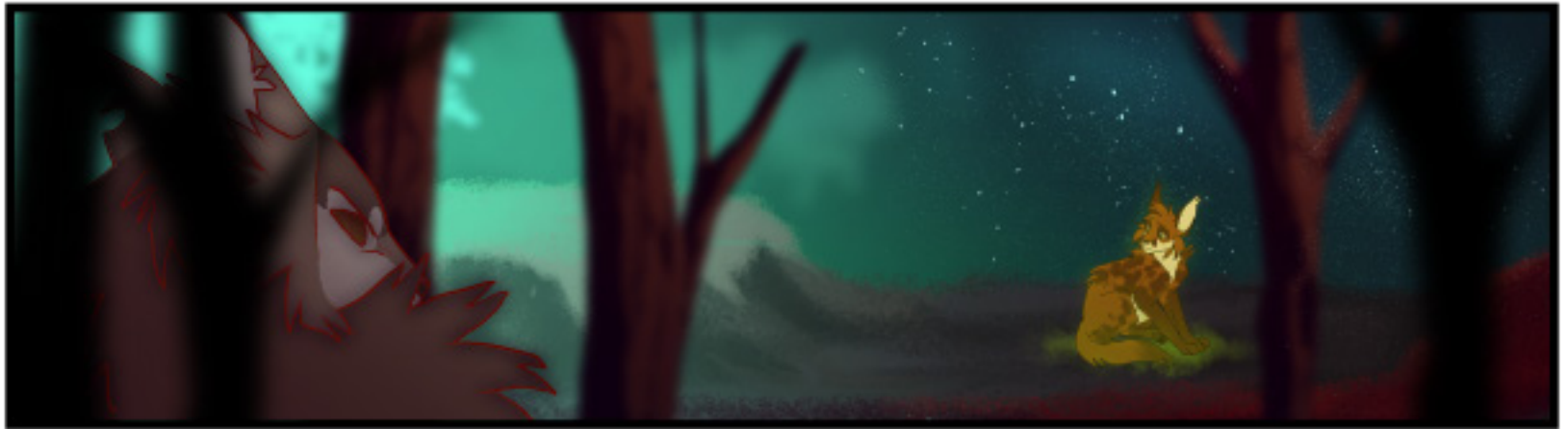
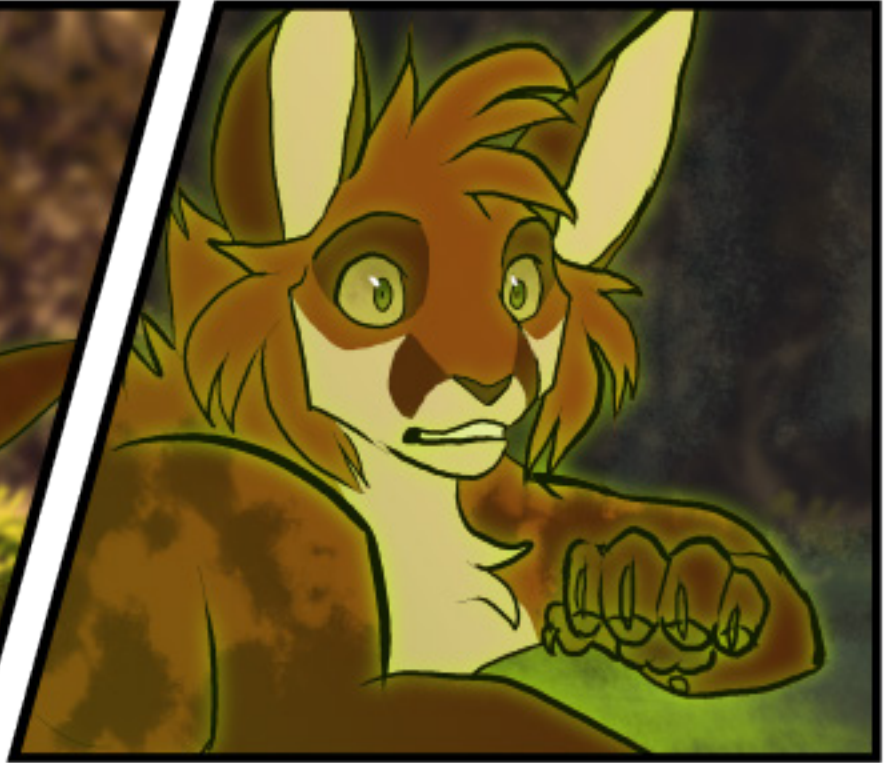
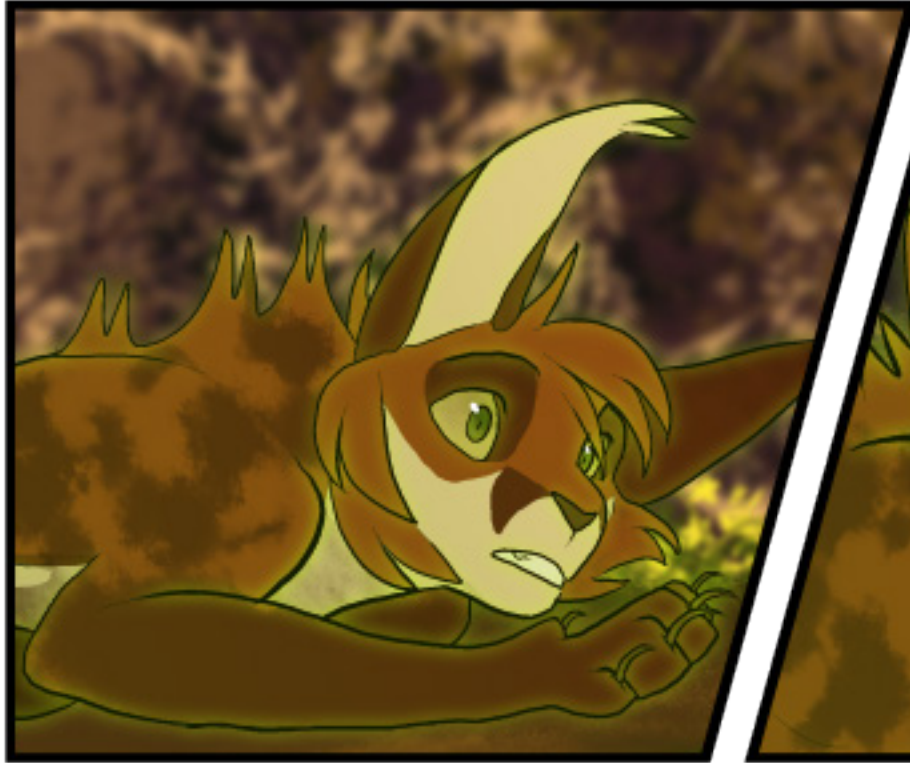















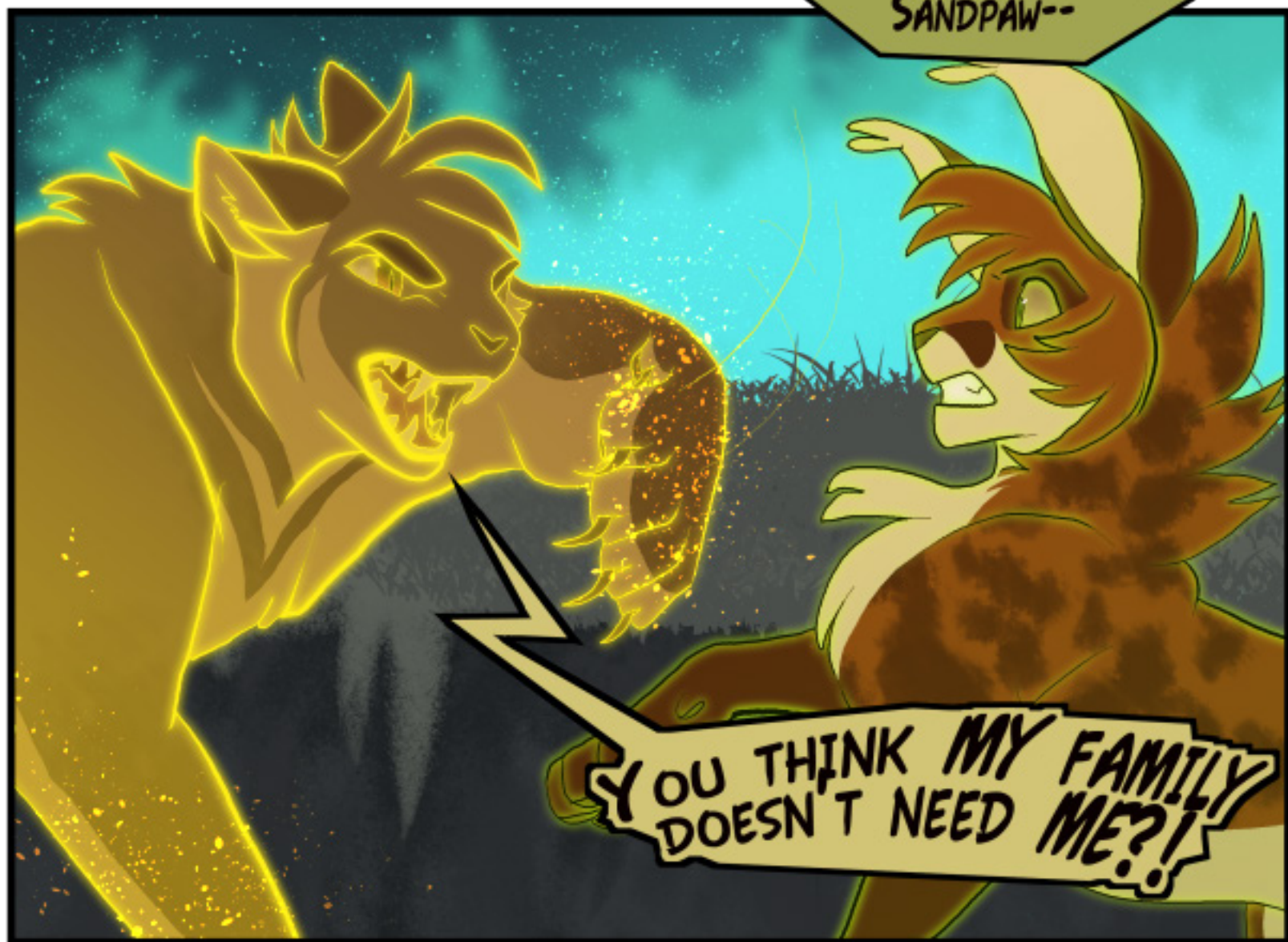


WHAT HAVE  
YOU DONE?



HOW COULD  
YOU CHOOSE DEATH  
SO EASILY?











**I TOLD YOU!**



**I TOLD YOU TO  
PROTECT THEM!**



**NOW BECAUSE  
OF YOUR CHOICE,  
THEY WILL DIE!**

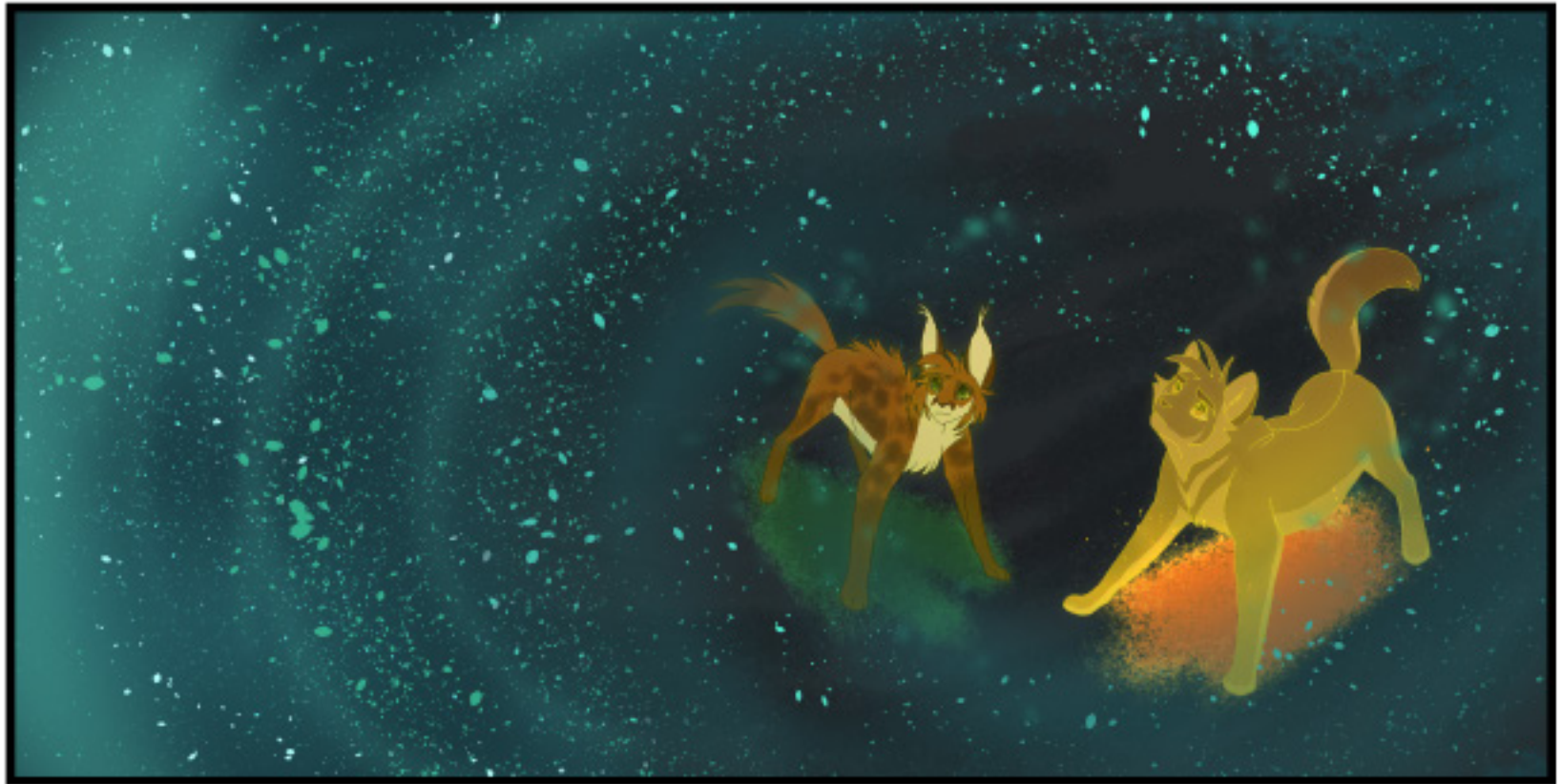


**WHAT WAS I  
SUPPOSED TO DO?**

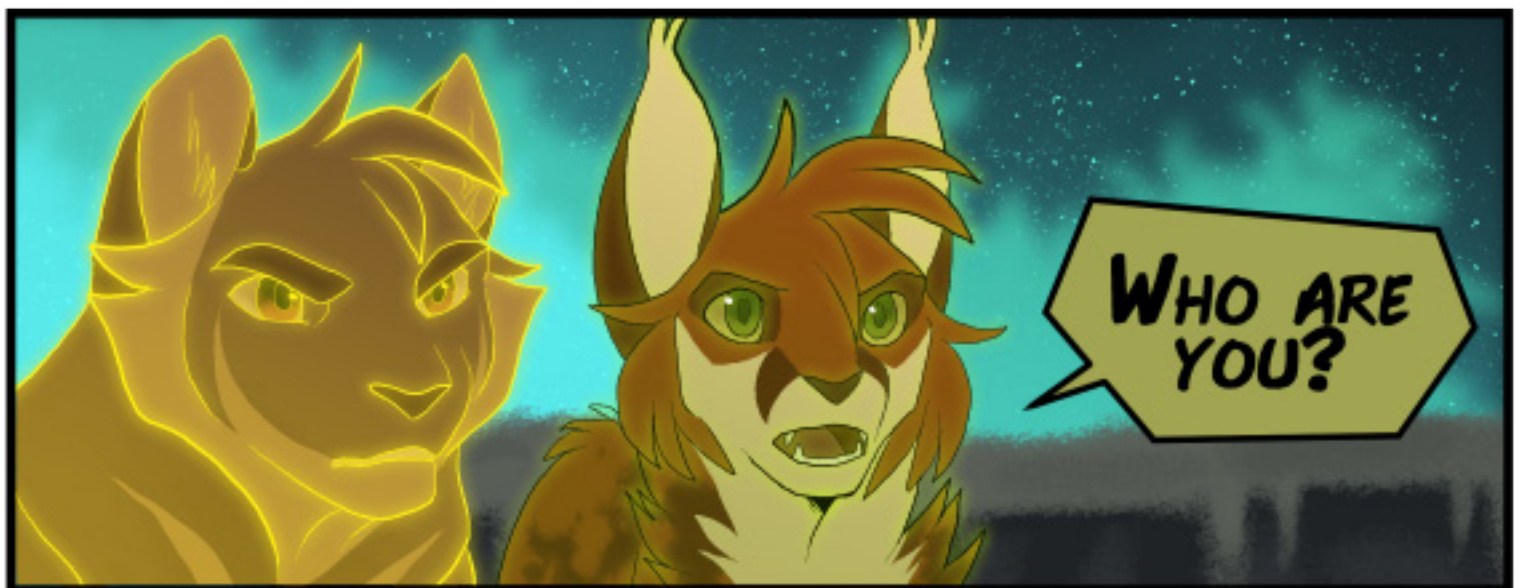
**I CAN'T BEAT  
TIGERCLAW!**

**NO ONE CAN!**











YOU THINK  
TIGERCLAW WILL LOSE,  
DEAR OAKHEART?

DO YOU REALIZE THE  
COST OF THAT LOSS?



WHO WILL  
PAY THAT PRICE?

HE HAS ALREADY  
COLLECTED HIS DUES  
FROM YOU.

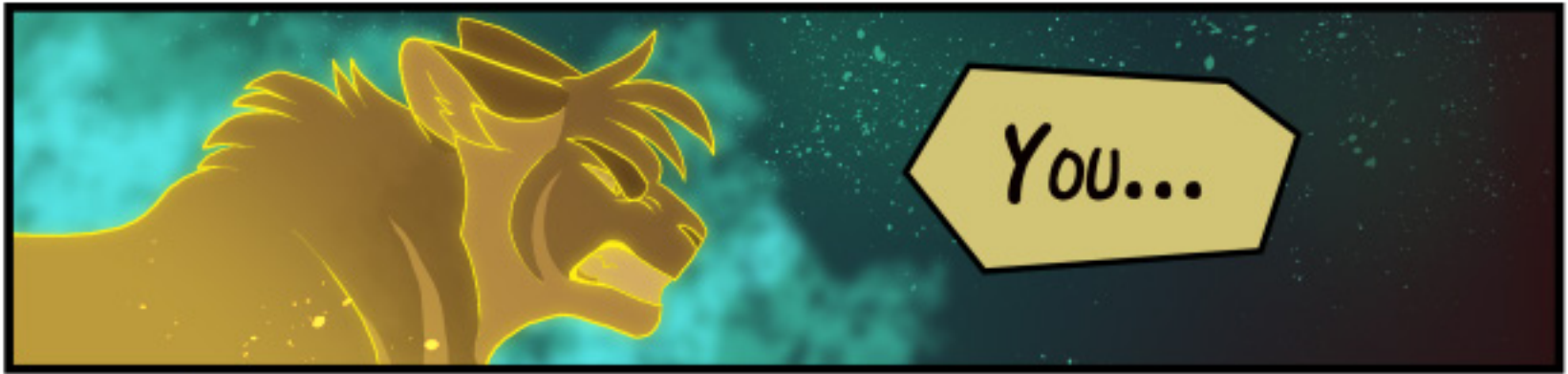


WHOSE FAMILY WILL HE  
PURSUE FIRST, I WONDER?

HOW WILL THEY  
SURVIVE WITH NONE  
TO WARN THEM?







YOU...



STAY AWAY FROM US,  
MONSTER! GO BACK TO YOUR  
FOX HOLE AND STAY THERE!

YOU'LL GET  
NOTHING FROM US!



THIS CHOICE  
IS NOT ENTIRELY  
YOURS, OAKHEART.





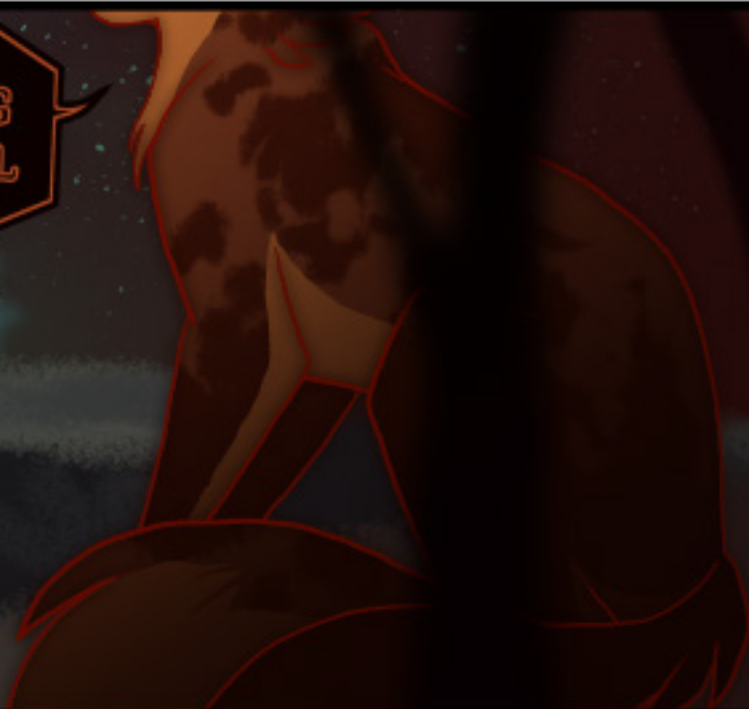




PERHAPS  
HE'S RIGHT.



THE STARS HAVE A COST,  
REDTAIL. VISITING THE LIVING  
TOO OFTEN WILL TAKE ITS TOLL  
ON YOUR SPIRIT.



BUT THEY  
NEED YOU.




OH, HOW THEY  
NEED YOU.










IS YOUR SENSE OF JUSTICE  
STRONG ENOUGH TO PRESERVE YOUR  
SOUL AS YOU PLACE YOUR PAWS  
BETWEEN WORLDS?

IS IT WORTH IT,  
IF ONLY TO WARN THEM?



THE STARS HAVE  
THEIR OWN PLANS  
FOR US.





THE *STARS* TOLD **TIGERCLAW**  
HIS DESTINY WAS SET.

HE THOUGHT  
HIS AGENCY LOST.




WE THOUGHT THE  
*STARS* PERFECT GUIDES  
FOR OUR LIVES.

BUT WHEN WAS THE  
LAST TIME A *STARCLAN*  
CAT SPOKE TO YOU?



...I'M SPEAKING TO  
YOU RIGHT NOW, **REDTAIL.**





NO MATTER WHAT  
OTHERS WANT, YOU DECIDE  
YOUR OWN FATE.




I DON'T CARE ABOUT  
PROPHECIES AND DESTINY.




I CARE ABOUT  
MY FAMILY!

MY CLAN!



IF YOU WANT **YOUR**  
FAMILY TO RECOGNIZE YOU  
WHEN THEY SEE YOU AGAIN



WE'LL GO OUR  
OWN WAY.


NOT HERS.



A night scene with a dark, cloudy sky. On the left, a brown and white cat with green eyes stands looking towards the right. On the right, a larger brown and white cat with green eyes stands looking towards the left. In the distance, a small, glowing yellow cat is visible. A speech bubble from the cat on the right contains the text "IT'S YOUR CHOICE, DEAR." A larger speech bubble from the cat on the left contains the text "THUNDERCLAN AND RIVERCLAN ARE LESSER FOR YOUR LOSSES."

IT'S YOUR CHOICE, DEAR.

THUNDERCLAN AND RIVERCLAN  
ARE LESSER FOR YOUR LOSSES.

A cat with brown and white fur and green eyes is running through a dark forest at night. The cat is glowing with a bright yellow light, and a trail of yellow sparks follows its path. The background is dark with silhouettes of trees. A speech bubble from the cat contains the text "I MERELY PRAY FOR ALL OUR SAKES THAT YOU BOTH CONTINUE TO INFLUENCE THEM."

I MERELY PRAY  
FOR ALL OUR SAKES THAT  
YOU BOTH CONTINUE TO  
INFLUENCE THEM.





WHO WAS THAT?

...IT DOESN'T  
MATTER.



OUR TIME IS  
UP, BUT EVERYONE  
IS STILL IN DANGER.

WHAT DO WE  
DO, REDTAIL?

YOUR CLAN  
AND MINE.



HOW DO WE  
HELP THEM?





FIRE ALONE WILL  
SAVE OUR CLANS





**THEN WE BETTER  
HELP START THE FIRE.**



# WARRIORS

## REDTAIL'S CHOICE

